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LOCAL NOTICES.

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Consumptives are referred to Rev. Edward Wilson, of Williamsburgh, Kings county, New York, relative to the treatment of lung diseases. The advertiser will send, free of all charge, the prescription essential, with directions for preparing and using the same. It is said to be a very reliable remedy in cases of consumption, asthma, bronchitis, &c. Mrs. Gift, of Marshall county, Kansas, had a daughter restored from apparently the last stages of consumption to perfect health by this remedy.

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The Daily Commercial

THE JOHNSON REBELLION

General Grant and the Usurper.

Grant's Great Services and Activity.

HIS PLANS FOR AN EMERGENCY.

The People Everywhere Right.

The Offers of the Loyal Governors and Boys in Blue.

The Necessity for Instant Readiness.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24, 1868.

In the scenes of unparalleled excitement at the National Capitol, no one has borne a more important part or acted it better than Gen. Grant. All loyal men have instinctively turned towards him for counsel and support; nor have they done so in vain. Fully alive to the imminence of the crisis, and firmly convinced that Andrew Johnson contemplated nothing less than revolution, he early took his resolution—and let me say that, had there been any occasion for acting the American people whose hearts are in the right place, would have had as much occasion for rejoicing as when, in the last days of the rebellion, he dealt the blows that brought down the Confederacy like a cob-house. It is not the time to let the country know what his measures were, and what his actions would have been. Enough to know that they would have been entirely effectual, and nothing would have been left undone. All who have observed Grant in connection with this new rebellion of Andrew Johnson have been struck with the manifestation of qualities which few supposed he possessed, proving him to be the man for any emergency and equal to any duty which his countrymen can place upon him. Though bearing himself in his usual quiet manner, he possessed himself of a knowledge of every thing that was transpiring, knew the intentions of the conspirators, and prepared to meet them. His countrymen in some day know how much they owe to him for the part he has played in these stirring scenes. No true man at the capital fails to pay him the homage due to a true patriot, a man of iron will in troublous times, a leader of unerring sagacity where precedence is the quality most to be desired. If true men respected and confided in General Grant before, they regard him with a loftier sentiment now; and when the history of the days of Andrew Johnson's usurpation comes to be written, he will stand forth the most conspicuous for his services in behalf of the Republic.

Although the clouds have somewhat lifted, the clear sky is not yet. Andrew Johnson is a bold, bad man; and with impeachment staring him in the face, he is desperate enough to attempt almost anything. He has undertaken to obtain the support of the Army and Navy, but thus far unsuccessfully. No doubt exists that could he secure such support he would resort to violence any hour. That he harbors such a purpose no one questions. And there are men here, like Woodward and Brooks—to say nothing of the ex-rebels who swarm here like vultures—to urge him on to such a course. Though to-day somewhat shaken in his original determination, he may any moment have another spasm, for everyone knows that Andrew Johnson is a man of spasms, going from bad to worse.

The loyal men of the land should hold themselves in readiness for any emergency. From every quarter messages are hourly received, conveying the most gratifying assurances as to the readiness of the loyal masses to support Congress in any manner, and with whatever numbers they may be needed. The Boys in Blue, like Roderick Dhu's men, are prepared for the call to duty. The Governors of a dozen States nearly have sent their pledges, and hundreds and thousands of Grant's old companions in the bloody fields of Virginia and the Southwest, are ready to come to his support.

One blast upon his bugle horn
Is worth a thousand men.

But in the firmness of Congress there is safety, and it is to be hoped that there will be no need of the offers of our heroes; but let them be ready. RODERICK.

WASHINGTON, PA.

Grand Army of Republic Entertainment ---Death of a Rising Young Lawyer--- A Grant Club.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, PA., February 24, 1868.

Post 57,-G. A. R., held an entertainment and oyster supper at the Court House on Friday evening, February 21st, which was (thanks to the patriotic ladies of the place) a grand success.

James R. Both, a rising young attorney and prominent Democratic politician, died at his residence on Saturday, 22d, of disease of the heart.

A Grant Club was formed here this evening.

The Pittsburgh Commercial.

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HARRISBURG.

THE IMPEACHMENT QUESTION.

Resolutions of Approval.

Mr. Wallace Offers a Substitute.

Supplement to Consolidation Act.

SENATE FREE RAILROAD LAW.

House Refuses to Concur.

Canal Damage Claims Against the State.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

HARRISBURG, February 25, 1868.

SENATE.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported the impeachment resolutions offered yesterday, amended as follows:

That the thanks of the people of this Commonwealth are due and hereby tendered through their immediate representatives, to the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for its fidelity to the people and its promptness in preferring articles of impeachment against Andrew Johnson, for his late acts of usurpation.

That the thanks of the people of Pennsylvania are due and hereby tendered to Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, for his courage and fidelity in resisting the attempted invasion of his office and violation of the fundamental law, and his resolute resistance to executive encroachment.

Mr. Wallace, Democrat, of Clearfield, offered the following substitute:

That in the passage, veto and repassage of the tenure of office law the executive and legislative branches of Government, each for itself had the right to judge of the Constitution, and there being a conflict of opinion thereon, it was the privilege of either of said departments when called on to execute or obey the same, to bring it before the Supreme Court of the United States for adjudication.

That in the removal of Edwin M. Stanton from the office of Secretary of War, and the appointment of General Lorenzo Thomas in his stead, for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of said tenure of office bill, the President of the United States has exercised his oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, and was guilty of no crime for which he can legally be impeached.

That it is the duty of the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government, and of all good citizens, to enforce, respect and obey the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States upon the question of the constitutionality of said tenure of office law when announced by said court.

The subject was made special order for this evening.

Bills Passed Finally.

A supplement to People's Savings Bank, Pittsburgh, authorizing dividends out of net earnings.

Prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in Bellevernon township, Fayette county.

AFTERNOON SESSION—At the afternoon session the following

Bills Passed Finally:

Exempting bequest of John S. Brady to Washington College from taxation.

Incorporating the Pittsburgh and Colorado Silver Mining Company.

Declaring valid certain conveyance in Webster township, Fayette county, to Wm. Bensel.

Excepting from taxation the Pittsburgh Church Guild to the extent of $50,000.

Authorizing the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester Passenger Railway Company to sell and convey part of their road.

The Senate at half-past eleven o'clock, is still discussing the impeachment resolutions, with indications that they will pass by a party vote.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Ford, of Allegheny—Supplement to Pittsburgh consolidation act, providing for school purposes in the several districts.

By Mr. Edwards, of Lawrence—Incorporating the New Castle Hall and Market Company.

The morning session was occupied in the first reading of over two hundred private bills, without final action.

The Free Railroad Law.

AFTERNOON SESSION—The House refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the Free Railroad bill.

The bill authorizing the State Treasurer, Auditor General and Attorney General to examine and pay the claims of George W. Cass, Washington McClintock and Addison Leech for injuries by abandonment of the Western Division of the Pennsylvania Canal was considered.

Mr. Mann, of Potter, moved to confine the amount to $10,000; lost.

Mr. Ford, of Allegheny, moved $50,000; lost.

The House discussed till a late hour Mr. Hickman's amendments, when they were made the special order for Tuesday evening next, when Mr. Hickman will close the debate and call the previous question.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Disorder in French Legislature.

DEBATE ON REFORMS IN IRELAND.

A Remarkable Scene.

LONDON, February 24.—A remarkable scene occurred at the last session of the French legislative body. The Chamber was engaged in the discussion of the bill for the regulation of the press. M. Havin, of the *Siecle*, rose and said he had a document which he wished to read to the members. It was the judgment of the court exonerating himself and M. Gervait from the charges brought against them by the Government. The President interrupted Havin, and refused to allow him to proceed. Havin insisted on reading the document. Much disorder and confusion followed, whereupon the President declared the sitting for the day dissolved. The Government members then retired. The Liberals remained, loudly protesting against the arbitrary action of the President. They were finally expelled from the building by the officers, and the gas extinguished.

Minister Bancroft.

BERLIN, February 25.—Hon. George Bancroft has been duly received as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States to the North German Confederation. The details of the treaty between North Germany and the United States relative to the rights and privileges of naturalized American citizens of German birth, of whom military services had heretofore been claimed, have been fully agreed on by the representatives of the two nations. The report that this treaty was finally attested and signed was premature. It is expected the document will receive the official signatures of Mr. Bancroft and the German representative on Saturday.

British Parliament.

LONDON, February 24, 10 P. M.—In the Lords to-night, the bill renewing the suspension of operations of the writ of *habeas corpus* in Ireland, was advanced to a second reading. In the debate to which the bill gave rise, Earls Russell and Gray spoke at length, advocating reform in Ireland in both State and Church. Speeches in reply were made by Earls Hardwick, Ellinborough and Marquis Westmeath. The Commons proceedings were unimportant.

Found.

Rev. Mr. Speke, brother of the well-known African explorer, whose mysterious disappearance caused much excitement and comment, has been found.

Verdict in the Casey Matter.

The Coroner's jury which have been investigating circumstances attending the death of Casey, has brought in a verdict containing a charge of murder against Mackay.

Committed for Trial.

LONDON, February 25.—All the prisoners charged by the Coroner's jury with complicity in the Clerkenwell explosion have been committed to stand trial for murder. Sullivan and Pigot, confined in Richmond prison, have been called upon by many influential persons, but all interviews with the prisoners are forbidden by the authorities.

Habeas Corpus Suspended.

LONDON, February 25, 10 P. M.—The House of *Lords*, in Committee of the Whole to-night, agreed to the bill renewing the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* in Ireland.

London Money Market.

LONDON, EVENING, February 25.—Consols closed at 90@90¼; 5-20s, 73¼; Illinois Central, 87¾; Erie, 40¾.

IMPEACHMENT!

THE SECOND ACT

President Impeached in the Senate.

Thad. Stevens Presents the Demand of the House.

Select Committee to Conduct the Trial.

WHAT WILL THE SENATE DO?

Randall Getting Into Trouble.

Secretary McCulloch Subservient.

Will the President be Suspended?

General Thomas to be Imprisoned.

Supreme Court then to be Applied To.

Writ of Habeas Corpus to be Sued Out.

Stanton Still at the War Office.

Voice of the Country on Impeachment.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 25, 1868.

The excitement of yesterday had abated this morning or settled down into a quiet and decorous curiosity, contented with reading the papers and speculating on results, not clamorous, demonstrative or jostling. There was no scramble for the Capitol, no rush to the galleries, no crush or crowds in the corridors, no grumbling by ladies or swearing by men, because ten thousand people could not be compressed into a space which two thousand will fill to overflowing, all of which occurred yesterday, and will be remembered as a part of the history of the time. It was expected by many and known by others that Messrs. Stevens and Bingham, as the Committee of the House, would inform the Senate to-day of yesterday's resolution to impeach the President, and the Senate galleries were filled at an early hour, but not to excess. The Senate opened its proceedings in the usual way, and spent from 12 to 1 o'clock in routine business, which, whether interesting or not, in itself did not command much attention, for both floor and galleries were on the *qui vive* for the second act in the impeachment drama, and would be restive until it was performed. One o'clock had been fixed as the hour, and everything in the meantime was only to kill time, or so looked upon.

Impeachment in the Senate.

When one o'clock came, Garrett Davis was upon the floor making a speech, which might end in five minutes or might last till to-morrow for aught anybody knew. He was talking of the Constitution, a theme upon which he is perennial. Ten minutes later, the doors of the Senate open, and Messrs. Stevens and Bingham, linked arm-in-arm, enter, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House. They are met by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, who needs no hint of their mission, but straightway announces a message from the House in the usual stereotyped way, and then immediately corrects himself and says "a Committee of the House." Mr. Davis had yielded the floor for this much by request of the presiding officer.

The Seargent-at-Arms supports Mr. Stevens on the right, while he, after saluting the Chair, "Mr. President," and receiving in return the recognition of Mr. Wade, reaches his hand into the breast pocket of his coat and draws out a sheet of foolscap paper. The eyes and ears of floor and the galleries are all turned toward the feeble old man, as he proceeds to read in a better voice than one would expect from him, the message which the solemnity of the occasion would not permit him to trust to memory. Fifty members of the House have come over to witness the ceremony, and are standing in the lobbies and crowding about the two committee men as the message is read. It is but a few sentences only. But none of such solemn importance were ever uttered in the Senate Chamber before. Every word is listened to with earnest ears, and when all is said, the rustle of attention relaxed is heard, in the midst of which Mr. Davis rose to resume his speech. Messrs. Stevens and Bingham seat themselves at desks near the door awaiting the order of the Senate on the message they have delivered.

Mr. Howard, of Michigan, known in connection with the impeachment movement since its inception, rises to offer a resolution, but Mr. Davis has the floor and will not yield. Mr. Howard makes the point of order that his is a question of privilege, but the Chair being in doubt as to that, he offers not to give a decision, but to leave it to a vote of the Senate whether Mr. Davis or Mr. Howard is entitled to the floor. Discussion follows, as it always does on very slight provocation in the Senate, and in the midst of it all, Mr. Davis rises to say that he only controverts the right of Mr. Howard to deprive him of his seat. If you put the matter to him on the score of courtesy he'll tell you what he will do. Like Falstaff he "will do anything for friendship, but nothing on compulsion, "and the Senate very soon deciding the question of right in his favor, he gives the honorable body the benefit of his courtesy and yields to Mr. Howard, who presents a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of seven to take action on the resolution of the House. This goes through *"nem con,"* and so ends act the second.

Messrs. Stevens and Bingham, satisfied with the discharge of their mission, return to the House, and are followed by the crowd of members who have left their seats and come over to see the impeachment fairly under way in the upper house.

The Senate relapses into legislation, galleries thin out and Garret Davis takes the floor again and keeps it so long that one is led to wish for his impeachment, for the sake of a pleasant interruption. An hour later the Chair interrupts a speech on reconstruction to announce the Committee of seven, which Mr. Howard's resolution calls for—Messrs. Howard, Trumbull, Conkling, Morton, Pomeroy, Edmunds and Johnson.

Committee Report to the House.

At half-past one o'clock, Messrs. Stevens and Bingham appeared at the bar of the House, and being recognized by the Speaker, the former said that in obedience to the order of the House of Representatives, the Committee had appeared at the bar of the Senate, and in the name of the House of Representatives and of the whole people of the United States, has impeached Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, and had demanded that the Senate take order for the appearance of said Andrew Johnson to answer to said impeachment, and they answered the Senate that the House would in due time present articles of impeachment, and would prove the same.

Rule to Prevent Delays.

The Committee on Rules, in about an hour, reported an additional rule to the House regulating the discussion on cases of impeachment by providing that when articles are reported to the House, it shall resolve itself immediately into Committee of the Whole, and debate the same in fifteen minute speeches, and that the vote shall be taken on the second day. No dilatory motions shall be made to delay action, and but one motion to adjourn during the day shall be entertained. After considerable opposition by the Democrats, the rules were suspended, and this additional rule was adopted, the effect of which will be to settle the further discussion of the details preceding the President's trial, so far as the House is concerned.

Preparing the Articles.

The House Committee of seven, appointed to draft articles of impeachment against the President, held their first meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Hon. Thad. Stevens presiding. The meeting was brief and the discussion confined to the point as to whether the charge should simply embrace the official record of the course of the President in removing Mr. Stanton, and thus make the trial brief before the Senate, or whether other charges should be brought up involving the attendance of witnesses. The Committee expect to report by Thursday and report the articles before the Senate on Saturday.

No Writ of Quo Warranto Yet.

Anticipating that Attorney General Stanbery would apply to Judge Cartter, of the Supreme District Court, for a writ of *quo warranto* this morning against Mr. Stanton, a large number of persons assembled at the City Hall and remained there during the session of the Court, but Mr. Stanton did not appear, and the crowd after the adjournment of the Court dispersed, stopping occasionally and discussing the questions of the day, in small groups.

Unfounded Report.

The report that the President had sent for General Emory, and that during the interview in response to the summons he had informed the President that he would obey no order unless it came through General Grant, is denied by General Emory.

Gen. Thomas's Case.

It is said to-day that if Chief Justice Cartter should to-morrow decide to hold Gen. Thomas for his appearance at Court to answer the charge of violating the tenure of office bill, no bail will be offered, hence the General will be committed to jail to answer the charge before the Criminal Court. An application will be then made before one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of *habeas corpus*, and Gen. Thomas will be brought before that Judge, who will immediately act in the case, and thus have the matter brought directly before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Will the President be Suspended.

Much of the feverishness in the public mind in regard to the impeachment proceeding arises from the supposition that Congress will attempt to suspend the President while the trial is in progress, that he will resist the same, and that serious difficulties will ensue. From what is learned there is not the least ground for belief that it will be attempted to suspend the President. On the contrary the indications are that the impeachment trial will go on under the well established forms of proceedure.

The White House.

The regular meeting of the Cabinet was held to-day, Secretaries Seward, Welles, McCulloch, Browning, and Postmaster General Randall being present. Attorney General Stanbery was not present, being engaged in the Supreme Court. The session did not continue more than an hour, though several of the members who had business pertaining to their respective departments remained with the President after the adjournment. Senator Hendricks and several representatives had interviews with the President this morning.

The War Office.

Mr. Stanton remained in the War Office all night, and was visited by a large number of his friends before he retired last night. This morning after he had breakfasted, he began to receive visitors, and was visited by Senators, Representatives and other prominent persons until noon. Senators Edmunds and Cameron, Ex-Senator Creswell, and many Representatives called during the forenoon. Judge Fisher, of the District Supreme Court, visited the Department about ten o'clock, and was with Mr. Stanton until after twelve.

Effect of Impeachment in Europe.

A private dispatch per cable from London received this morning announces that the political news has had no material effect in Europe, and that quotations of 5-20s are unchanged.

Democratic Campaign Committee.

The Democratic members of Congress held a conference to-night at the room of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Mr. Eldridge, of Wisconsin, presiding. A resolution was passed for the appointment of a Congressional campaign committee to consist of two Senators and five Representatives.

To Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, February 25.—The excitement in town relative to the impeachment question and matters incidental thereto is very sensibly diminished this morning. At the War Department all is quiet, and but little business of importance is being transacted, the routine business being attended to as usual. General Thomas made no demand this morning for the records of the War Department, but spent the time in a social chat with Stanton and after receiving his private mails repaired home. He had a short interview with the President during the forenoon. Secretary Stanton was busily engaged this morning signing requisitions and attending to other business of a public character which has accumulated to a considerable extent within the past few days. Several visitors called upon Stanton during the forenoon among whom were several Senators and Representatives, including among the former Cameron and Edmunds. Considerable interest is manifested in the result of General Thomas's examination before the Supreme Court of this District to-morrow, and various speculations are indulged in regarding it.

Opinions of the New York Press.

NEW YORK, February 25.—The *Tribune* says: We heartily indorse the action of the House. The issue is not of our making or seeking. The President has been so reckless that he has defied Congress to its present duty, a duty at once imperative and unavoidable. There is no further room for argument on the question. The criminal is now to appear before a high Court for trial. Let the Senate act with dignity, impartiality, justice, courtesy and fearlessness. If Andrew Johnson is innocent, acquit him. If guilty, let him be swept from his high place as the enemy and class country, in having violated his oath and dared to break a law of the people.

The *Herald* says: The action of the House was bold and decisive, but the only people who are absolutely happy, who lay down their anxiety at the ghost they themselves have raised. How long it will take the Committee to frame the indictment is not known. They may have all the evidence ready, but the Senate will find no obstacle except the will and judgment of an intelligent people—a rather serious one which they will not probably feel it advisable to oppose.

The *Times* fears the doings of the House partake of partisan clamor and frenzy, and says: We are not the apologists of Mr. Johnson's clearly illegal act, but his rudeness is matched by the hot and too hasty steps of Congress to depose him. It is impolitic to assail, by its dignity and supremacy, whether this precipitancy is not to be checked. We look to the Senate, in conjunction with the Supreme Court, for deliverance from this case, and confess the dangers the Constitution and the Government.

The *World* denounces Congress for its haste and precipitancy in the impeachment matter, and says that nothing evinces a want of faith in the constitutionality of the Tenure of Office bill by its very action. The impeachment of President Johnson is a sign of party desperation. They hope by this move to shift the responsibility of keeping the Union discovered upon poor Andrew Johnson, as a scapegoat for their abortion called the Reconstruction acts. This is the true cause, and the removal of Stanton is but the bare pretext. If they succeed in removing Mr. Johnson, they will elevate Ben Wade to the Chair, and through him secure that Executive patronage with the aid of which they hope to carry the next Presidential election. But in this they will fail. Acts of desperation are never acts of wisdom. They always fail, and the Radicals will be no exception had to wonder at every step. The people are tired of disturbance and strife, of which this party are the inciters, and the people will, at the next election, sweep the Republican party into the direst defeat and disgrace.

Demonstrations of States, Cities and Towns.

CHESTER COUNTY, PA.

WEST CHESTER, PA., February 25.—The Republican County Convention to-day passed a resolution in favor of the impeachment of Andrew Johnson and supporting Congress.

PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, February 25.—Democratic meetings are called for nearly all the wards of the city to consider the impeachment question. The Keystone Club, the largest Democratic organization in the State, has resolved itself into a military organization.

MAINE.

AUGUSTA, February 24.—The House of Representatives to-day passed resolutions sustaining Congress in impeaching Andrew Johnson by a strict party vote, 92 to 33.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 25.—The call for a public meeting of citizens opposed to the action of Congress is receiving the signatures of a large number of merchants and bankers. It will probably be held early in March.

The roll-call of the Johnson Association, whose rooms are at 208 Broadway, containing about 150 names, was seized by the police today.

The Trenton *Gazette* has a statement that Governor Fenton has offered 50,000 troops to sustain Congress in the event of their being required.

Recruiting offices are said to have been opened in this city for men to support the President, and several hundred names have been secured.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, February 25.—The meeting to-night at Library Hall, in accordance with the call issued yesterday, was fully attended. Speeches were made by several prominent gentlemen of this city. A series of resolutions were adopted, among which was the following:

Resolved, That we most heartily ratify and indorse the action of the House of Representatives in impeaching Andrew Johnson; that his own hand has furnished clear evidence of his guilt, and we demand from the Senate as speedy and prompt action as is consistent with the forms of law, and a fair and impartial trial.

INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 24.—There has been considerable excitement through the city today, in consequence of the condition of affairs at Washington. The Republicans seem to be unanimous for impeachment, and several of the leading Democrats have expressed their regret at the position in which the President has placed himself. They freely admit that he has laid himself liable for violation of the law.

The officers of the Grand Army of the Republic telegraphed General Logan to-day that they stood ready to obey the call to sustain the authority of Congress.

IOWA.

DES MOINES, February 25.—The following dispatch was sent to the Senators and Representatives of Iowa, in Congress, to-day:

"DES MOINES, February 25.—The State of Iowa stands by her Representatives in Congress in opposition to the usurpations of a higher official. She will give her strength to suppress anarchy and to maintain the Government. No sympathizer with treason, however elevated his position, can trifle with the rights of a free people. A hundred thousand Iowaians are ready to maintain the integrity of the Union, the Constitution and the laws.

"SAMUEL MERRILL, Governor."

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., February 25.—The City Republican Convention unanimously nominated Wm. A. Reynolds for Mayor. The telegram announcing the vote on impeaching the President was received with cheers. The Convention declared unanimously its approval of the action of the House.

READING, PA.

READING, PA., February 25.—The news of the prompt action of the House on the impeachment movement was received here with great rejoicing. One hundred guns were fired in the public square in honor of the event.

NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, N. J., February 24.—Both Houses adopted, by a party vote, resolutions of sympathy with the President, and directing the preparation of resolutions by the Committee on Federal Relations on public affairs.

TENDER OF TROOPS.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., February 24.—Lieutenant Colonel Eastman tendered to the Adjutant General the services of the Twenty-first Regiment of this District, to preserve the peace at Washington, the regiment to be ready in twenty-four hours.

WASHINGTON, February 25.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL GETTING INTO TROUBLE.

Mention may be made of a little piece of business that Postmaster-General Randall attempted to do on Saturday. It seems he was greatly exercised in mind because the War Office mail went into Mr. Stanton's hands. He therefore sought an interview with City Postmaster Bowen, and tried to influence him to deliver the mail to Gen. Thomas's messenger. The CHAIR knew Mr. Stanton to be Secretary of War but Mr. Stanton, and should obey no order but his, relative to his mail. A friend of Mr. Stanton's soon after intimated to Mr. Randall that he would probably get himself into trouble if he went any further in this matter.

SECRETARY M'CULLOCH IS SUBSERVIENT.

It may be added that there are some curious stories afloat as to Secretary McCulloch's purposes with respect to the War Department. He has all along honored Stanton's requisitions on the Treasury from the day he was reinstated, and has recognized him as Secretary of War in his official correspondence. To-day, when asked if he would continue to honor the warrants, he is reported as having answered that he had not received definite orders on the subject, and did not care to make further reply. It is reported, in Presidential circles, that a definite order was under consideration yesterday, was again taken up.

Mr. DAVIS opposed the bill, claiming that the President had a right to construct the Constitution for himself.

At six minutes past one o'clock, while Mr. DAVIS was speaking, Representatives Stevens, of Pennsylvania, and Bingham, of Ohio, appeared at the door. A number of members of the House accompanied them. They reported proceedings on the subject they had in charge.

The doorkeeper announced a Committee from the House of Representatives, who were recognized by the presiding officer.

Mr. STEVENS then said: In obedience to the order of House of Representatives, we appear before you in the name of the House of Representatives and of all the people of the United States, and do impeach Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, and we further inform the Senate that the House of Representatives will in due time exhibit articles against him, and make good the same, and in their name we demand that the Senate take order for the appearance of Andrew Johnson to answer said impeachment.

The presiding officer, Mr. WADE, replied that the Senate would take action in the premises.

Mr. HOWARD desired to offer a resolution in connection with the matter.

Mr. DAVIS objected, and wished to continue his remarks.

Mr. HOWARD said the Senator was out of order, as this was a privileged question, and of prior consideration.

Mr. DAVIS maintained that no question could interpose for consideration while he occupied the floor, unless he chose out of courtesy to give it.

Mr. HOWARD said the subject matter of this question was of great importance, and demanded more immediate attention than the matter which the Senator from Kentucky was discussing.

Mr. DAVIS rather excitedly said he was entitled to the floor, and would hold it, and no gentleman had any claim to address the Senate while he was speaking on the bill under discussion.

Mr. EDMUNDS said he admitted the right of the Senator from Kentucky to hold the floor, but he questioned the propriety and delicacy of his asserting his right to it under present circumstances.

Mr. DAVIS said if the Senate decided he was not entitled to the floor, of course he should give up the floor, but if he decided otherwise he exercise the privilege of waiving his claim or not as he saw fit.

The CHAIR put the question to the Senate, and it was decided the Senator had a right to the floor.

Mr. DAVIS said as the question was now settled, he would give way to Mr. Howard. [Laughter.]

While this discussion was proceeding, Mr. Stevens occupied a chair at the end of the middle aisle of the chamber, surrounded by a large number of Representatives who had come over from the House to witness the scene. He spoke in a clear, distinct and steady voice to Stanton, who was claiming the floor. The audience in the galleries manifested considerable interest.

When Mr. DAVIS gave way, Mr. HOWARD offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the message from the House of Representatives relating to the impeachment of Andrew Johnson be referred to a committee of seven, to consider and report on the same.

Mr. BAYARD said the Senate had no constitutional jurisdiction to appoint a select committee for the purpose proposed, and could not resolve itself into a high court of impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presiding. It had no right, he maintained, to anticipate the trial of a case of impeachment by appointing a committee of seven.

The resolution was put by the CHAIR, and carried, after which Mr. Stevens and the greater number of those present on the floor took their departure.

Mr. PATTERSON, of New Hampshire, next took the floor on reconstruction, and read a long address relating to the political situation at the South.

The bill was then postponed till to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. TRUMBULL, the Senate took up the supplementary reconstruction bill, allowing a majority of votes cast to decide elections, and registered voters to vote in any part of the State.

Mr. DAVIS withdrew his motion to refer to the Judiciary Committee, whereupon, after debate, Mr. BUCKALEW'S amendment requiring a residence of ten days in the district before the election, was agreed to.

Mr. WILLIAMS offered an amendment adding the words, "On affidavit or other satisfactory evidence," after requirement of the presentation of the voter's certificate of registration. Without this provision, he claimed, but few electors would be practically disfranchised. It was agreed to.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to add as an additional section the following:

And be it further enacted, That the Constitutional Convention of any of the States mentioned in the act to which this is additional may provide that at the time of voting on the ratification of the Constitution, the registered voters may vote also for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and for all elective officers provided for in said Constitution, and the same election officers who shall make the return of votes on the ratification or rejection of the Constitution shall enumerate or certify the votes cast for members of Congress.

Agreed to.

Mr. DOOLITTLE moved to amend by inserting the provision offered by him in amendment of the supplementary bill, requiring certain qualifications of all persons not entitled to vote under the Constitution or laws in such States previous to the rebellion. Lost 33 to 3.

Mr. DAVIS moved to amend by requiring that all elections provided for shall take place on the same day in each State. Agreed to.

Mr. HENDRICKS moved to amend by adding after the words, "or other evidence," the words, "in writing under oath, and returned with the returns of the election," which with the amendment of Mr. DAVIS, to require *viva voce* voting, and requiring four scrutinizers in each county was voted down.

Mr. DOOLITTLE moved to amend by providing that no person shall be refused registration on voting who has received pardon previous to the passage of acts to which this is amendatory. Not agreed to.

Mr. BUCKALEW asked that the bill be laid over until to-morrow, to allow him to offer a bill approved by certain members of the Southern Convention, permitting minorities to be represented according to the theory heretofore explained by him. He said the whites and blacks would thus each obtain a fair share of power. He moved to add a section allowing State Conventions to authorize the election of representatives to Congress from State at large upon the principle of cumulative voting.

Objection being made to allowing the bill to go over for that purpose, Mr. BUCKALEW withdrew his amendment and the bill passed—28 to 6.

The CHAIR appointed as the Select Committee called for by Mr. Howard's resolution on impeachment, Messrs. Howard, Trumbull, Conkling, Edmunds, Morton, Pomeroy and Johnson.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, the supplementary reconstruction bill was made the special order for Thursday next.

The CHAIR presented a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the report of Mr. L. Seymour, Civil Engineer, in regard to bridging the Potomac river, and from the Secretary of War, in reply to a resolution of inquiry in regard to the survey of a ship canal around the Falls of the Ohio river.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Under call of States, a large number of bills and joint resolutions were introduced and referred, including the following:

To limit the liability of common carriers between States.

For a ship canal around Niagara Falls.

For the muster-out of all army paymasters, commissaries and quartermasters not on duty the past three months.

To re-open the Land Office of the Virginia Military District.

For two local inspectors of steamboats at Evansville, Ind.

Granting bounties to the 19th and 16th regiments of one-year Indiana volunteers.

Amending the act changing the time of holding District and Circuit Courts of the United States in Tennessee.

Granting land bounty to soldiers of the late war.

Providing for the reduction of all votes cast for members of the House for any person known to be ineligible by persons casting them.

Relative to suits in United States Courts.

Supplementary to the several acts organizing territories.

Resolutions of the Wisconsin Legislature for additional mail service, and for grants of land to aid in the construction of railroads.

Of the Kansas Legislature on the subject of the extension of the eastern division of the Union Pacific Road.

Bills amending the act to establish and equalize grades in the navy.

Declaring the meaning of the clause in the internal revenue law taxing railroad chairs, &c., five dollars per ton.

Granting land to aid in the construction of railroads in Nebraska.

Relative to the joint occupation of San Juan Island.

To enable the formation of a State Government in Montana.

For the relief of the widow and heirs of Thomas W. Harvey, wood screw patentee.

For the examination of certain claims of Kentucky.

To divide Illinois into three judicial districts.

To secure the completion of the Postoffice and Custom House at Cairo.

To authorize homestead exemption in the Virginia Military District of Ohio.

Mr. DODGE offered a resolution, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to ascertain what portion of Fort Snelling military reservation is necessary for military purposes, &c. Adopted.

At 25 minutes before 2 o'clock, the SPEAKER called the House to order, and the doorkeeper announced the presence at the bar of the House of the Committee which had been appointed to wait upon the bar of the Senate, the President of the United States.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, standing in company with his colleague, Mr. BINGHAM, then stated respectfully as follows:

Mr. Speaker, in obedience to the order of the House, we proceeded to the bar of the Senate and proceeded in your name, and in the name of this body and all the people of the United States, impeached as we were directed Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, of high crimes and

The Daily Commercial

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1868.

THE COMMERCIAL *is the largest daily paper in the State, and gives daily one-fourth more reading than any other paper in Pittsburgh. It is the only Pittsburgh paper that uses the telegraph liberally, gives full market reports, and all the news of the day.*

As proof of the estimate placed on the market reports of the COMMERCIAL, *we will state that they are regularly copied by the New York Economist, Shipping List, Iron Age, and other papers of this character in that and other cities, and that leading English commercial papers and circulars regularly reprint them with credit. There is within a few hundred miles, hardly an Iron Factory, Oil Ree Refinery, or leading manufactory of any kind that is not a subscriber to the* COMMERCIAL, *principally, because its reports are the only full and reliable given of the Pittsburgh markets.*

A REPORT of the annual meeting of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company will be found on the third page.

It has been well said that if ANDREW JOHNSON can violate one law, he can lay aside all laws; and if in one case he is to be allowed the benefit of the plea that he regards the law unconstitutional, and therefore impeachment must be postponed till the question of constitutionality is decided, he must be allowed to make it in every case; and the usurper would be secure till he had done all the mischief of which he is capable. This is the doctrine which has suddenly sprung into existence. The better view, however, is that the first attempt at usurpation should be punished.

SOUTHERN dispatches say the impeachment movement in Congress has produced "a profound sensation." And well it may. If the impeachment of Mr. JOHNSON produces no other result it will be followed by the speedy and peaceful restoration of the Southern States to their proper relations in the Union—a consummation which the country ardently desires; but never to be realized so long as ANDREW JOHNSON remains in office to prevent it. The very statement of this proposition suggests a range of reflection as to the President's criminality far transcending that of which he has been guilty in connection with the War Department.

IMPEACHMENT except as to the time and manner of accomplishing it is a foreclosed question. The public mind turns naturally to the mode of procedure, and we think we can say with entire confidence, that that which it now desires most is that the proceeding be not protracted, but as expeditious as possible. If we are to have a protracted siege of the White House—a sort of WARREN HASTINGS affair—then the remedy will be worse than any evil of which he has been guilty in connection with the War Department.

Mr. WEED has stuck to Mr. JOHNSON through thick and thin; but it is evident that he intends to follow him not much further. Mr. SEWARD being still in the Cabinet, Mr. WEED's words are necessarily somewhat tempered.

THE FREE RAILROAD LAW.

If the people want a Railroad Law which will in reality be a Free Law,—one that will promote and not prevent the building of Railroads, let them at once and everywhere communicate their wishes to their Representatives at Harrisburg, and ask them to stand firm for the main provisions of the House bill. A struggle is yet to come, and there is yet time for the people to make themselves felt. To the friends of a Free Railroad Law we say, therefore, instruct your Representatives, and do it without delay.

IN WHAT HAS HE OFFENDED?

The New York *Times* argues that impeachment should not be entered upon before the constitutionality of the Tenure of Office law has been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States. The *Times* should remember that the President's criminability rests not solely on the constitutionality of that law. He has openly and flagrantly violated, set aside and nullified an express provision of the Constitution itself. The language of this sacred instrument, as found in article 2, section 2, paragraph 2, is as follows:

> "He (the President) shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by law. But the Congress may by law vest the appointments of such inferior officers as they think proper in the President alone, or in the heads of departments."

Power is nowhere given to the President to remove and appoint an officer without "the advice and consent of the Senate," except in cases of vacancies occurring when Congress is not in session. Nevertheless ANDREW JOHNSON has usurped this power, and without the shadow of right, in defiance of the Constitution and a law of the land, and in contempt of Congress, has undertaken to displace one incumbent of the War Department and instal another. Not in the history of the Government is there another instance of the kind on record. No President has before dared to set aside the Constitution and the law, and defy Congress as ANDREW JOHNSON has done; for no such bad man ever before ascended to the Presidential office.

The articles which the Committee on the part of the House of Representatives will prepare, and on which Mr. JOHNSON will be tried, we predict, will not rest the proceeding for his impeachment on the sole fact that he has violated the law regulating the tenure of office. The *Times* will perceive that the President has violated the plain terms of the Constitution, as well as of the law; and although the latter may be declared unconstitutional, there can be no such question in regard to the former; consequently, no shadow of doubt as to Mr. JOHNSON'S offense.

THE DEMOCRATS AND MR. JOHNSON.

It is evident that the Democrats are not much disposed to adopt the cause of Mr. JOHNSON. That they hate the Republicans and feel all they say about impeachment is no doubt true; but they are cautious about committing themselves to Mr. JOHNSON or adopting his quarrel. And just here must be his keenest disappointment; for it is not conjecture merely that he made his last desperate move in the expectation not only of their support but of winning the Presidential nomination at the hands of the Democratic party. If there ever existed any ground for such an expectation it vanished the very first hour. Not only will Mr. JOHNSON fail to attain what in his insane ambition he hoped to clutch, but the Democrats who advised him to such a course, in the hope of acquiring spoil, will also fail. Mr. JOHNSON in all probability will be impeached, and the Government in all departments will fall into Republican hands. That the Democrats begin to perceive this is evident from the suppressed murmurs, in some cases swelling into open denunciation. The epithets "stupid blunderer," "madman," etc., are freely applied by them to Mr. JOHNSON; and although they feel for him a certain sympathy arising from a common hate of Congress and the Republican policy, it is apparent that at present at least the leaders of the Democratic party are disposed to let the already condemned President drop, sensible that by the proceeding that insures his impeachment they will in the end be the greatest losers; because, as we have said, it will place the Government in all its branches in the hands of the Republicans. Surely, then, the Democrats have reason enough for having the dumps at the turn affairs have taken.

IMPEACHMENT — GOLD — BUSINESS.

The croakers are doomed to disappointment again! Gold refuses to go up; on the contrary it manifests a decided downward tendency. Wall street perceives no such breakers ahead as were foretold as the certain consequence of the first step toward actual impeachment. The shrewd sense and the unerring penetration into the business future by our countrymen, enable them to discover that which is producing quite another state of things. The country has for some time regarded ANDREW JOHNSON in no other light than as a disturber, whose removal would bring quiet and stability to the political and business world. As the source of the turmoil, contention and uncertainty of the past three years, the good sense of the community views his probable removal at an early day with satisfaction and a sense of relief. With harmony once more between the several branches of the Government, there can and will be something like a stable policy, a degree of responsibility and a realization of it, which for some time we have not had, and without which the country cannot prosper. It is the prospect of a return to such a condition in the Government that has caused the croakers to be disappointed, and gold to decline. From this patent fact much that is encouraging to the business and finances of the country may be inferred.

THE PRESIDENT'S APOLOGY.

In his explanatory message Mr. JOHNSON rests his case almost solely on the plea that Mr. STANTON did not derive his appointment from him, but that he found him there when he came to the Presidency. This plea would be unworthy of a school boy. It may be entirely true that Mr. LINCOLN'S Cabinet were not formally appointed by Mr. JOHNSON; but it will be remembered that on the death of Mr. LINCOLN they in a body tendered their resignations, which he declined to accept. He has ever since, officially, and in every other way, recognized them, and repeatedly pointed to the composition of his Cabinet, in support of the claim that he was carrying out Mr. LINCOLN'S policy. The doctrine of the President leaves it uncertain whether there is a Secretary of State or Secretary of the Navy, Mr. SEWARD and Mr. WELLES having descended to Mr. JOHNSON from Mr. LINCOLN. So trivial is the plea whereon the President hangs his excuse, that it is unworthy of serious consideration; and yet it appears to be the best and the only one he is able to make.

AN Eastern contemporary suggests that "the question of suspending the President from his functions during his trial will prove the most critical and hazardous point of the whole struggle." As yet we see no disposition either in or out of Congress to raise this question; nor do we perceive any necessity for raising it. When it was incidentally up in Congress awhile ago, considerable diversity of opinion was developed; and it is altogether likely that the trial if entered on at once and prosecuted with reasonable vigor, would be concluded before the question which our contemporary refers to could be disposed of. We beg leave to suggest that there are many reasons why, in the prosecution of this business, the entire unity and harmony which at present exist among those who have undertaken it, should be preserved. Nothing would so please the friends of the President and the enemies of the Republican party, and nothing will they strive for so much as the introduction of a question of discord, whereby those on whom the great responsibility of the unparalleled occasion rests, would become divided. This fact should be a sufficient admonition, and we trust that no non-essential question will be suffered to interpose between Congress and its high resolve.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says the Democrats are already getting sick of Johnson. They denounce him as a stupid blunderer, and some of them go so far as to express the hope that he will soon be impeached and out of the way. The same dispatch says: "It is not known how the President talks with his advisers. If their own conduct is a proper criterion, Mr. Johnson must be very much broken down. His warmest supporters seem to have thought that united and firm action of Congress was impossible. Many leading Democrats are despondent. There are many here in the interests of the President who will give him the worst possible advice, and prominent among them are some Maryland politicians who are doing all they can to make trouble both at Annapolis and Baltimore, as well as in this city."

A NEW YORK letter says: It is reported on good authority that a majority of the ecclesiastical court have found that Rev. Mr. Tyng is guilty of a violation of the canon law, and that Bishop Potter has been so notified accordingly. The latter says that in due time he will make the fact known. Public admonition is the penalty of the first offense.

The Sunday Review asserts that in all literary and social record there is no instance of a humorous woman. Woman are witty, caustic, cynical, but never humorous. For humor is as often its own butt as otherwise; but who can conceive of a woman laughing at herself, much less inciting others to that entertainment? The nearest approach to humorous writing by women has been perpetrated by Mrs. Stowe in some of her essays, and Miss Evans in her novel, "The Mill on the Floss." The character of the old farm-wife in that fiction, and her sayings, are as comical as anything in Pickwick.

FLOWERS, at this season, when a tolerable bouquet costs from one to five dollars, are rather expensive luxuries; and it is well worth while to know all the devices of florists to keep them fresh as long as possible. Here is one, said to be practiced by the Belgian florists, by which a bouquet can be kept in fair condition for a week or ten days: Change the water every other day; cut off, with sharp scissors, a quarter of an inch of the stems, and put a pinch of salt and a grain of saltpetre into the water. If very much faded, the stems may be put into hot water for a minute or two, or into high wines, Eau de Cologne, or ammonia.

THE Wheeling *Register* understands that the Bellcair Iron works will be at once rebuilt. It says the original cost of the entire factory was between one hundred and twenty and one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, and the loss is estimated at between forty and fifty dollars. Insured for forty-two thousand. It was a co-operative working establishment, and was owned principally, if we understand correctly, by those employed in it.

OBITUARY.

General William Robinson, Jr.

This well and widely known citizen of Allegheny departed this life yesterday morning. Character and career combined to render him, even in his old age, an influential and interesting member of our community, and the regret here felt for his death will be shared in by many in parts of the country separated by extensive intervals.

William Robinson, Jr., was the son of James Robinson, who died in 1814. He was born on the 17th of December, 1786, on the banks of the Allegheny river, in a house situated within a few rods of the house in which he breathed his last. He was probably the first child born of white settlers north of the Allegheny. At the time of his birth Pittsburgh was an insignificant village, and the foundations of Allegheny city had not been laid. Thus the growth and career of General Robinson were contemporaneous with the expansion and advancement in prosperity of both the cities upon whose progress and general interests he exerted so important an influence. In his early youth the aborigines of the country were frequent visitors and sojourners in the neighborhood of his home, and he was thus led to form an acquaintance with, and take an interest in their race. In this friendship the General acted in the spirit and followed the example of his father. The Cornplanter tribe, living on the upper Allegheny, now reduced to a small remnant, regarded him as their benefactor while he lived, and for many years were in the habit of paying him their homage by an annual deputation.

William Robinson, though he did not graduate, received his collegiate education at Princeton College, in New Jersey. He read law in Pittsburgh under the tuition of the distinguished Judge Addison, and then for many years practised the profession with reputable success.

In this brief notice we can merely mention a few facts to indicate the estimation in which he was held by his fellow citizens and his activity in the promotion of their welfare. For one term or more he was a member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania. He was the first Mayor of Allegheny city. He was one of those to whom the first St. Clair Street Bridge, erected in 1810, owed its origin. He was the first President of the Ohio and Pennsylvania, now the Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad. On one occasion to prevent the failure of the enterprise General Robinson mortgaged nearly all his own and his wife's property. Having been one of the founders of the National Exchange Bank, he for many years occupied the position of its President. He was also one of the partners of the first firm engaged in the manufacture of iron in Pittsburgh. But General Robinson's activity in the public good was not confined to the promotion of local objects and interests alone. In the administration of John Tyler, he went as Special Commissioner to England, for the purpose of negotiating a United States loan.

Few persons in this part of the country have enjoyed the familiar acquaintance of so many men eminent in the public services and in other ways distinguished. Mr. Clay and Mr. Lincoln were his especial friends.

While our late war was raging General Robinson was more than once summoned to Washington that he might be consulted in regard to proposed measures and movements for the suppression of the rebellion. His soundness of judgment and practical sagacity were recognized wherever he was known. Endowed with a powerful intellect, strong passions and resolute will, General Robinson's impression was speedily felt in whatever cause he favored, or opposed. Though very practical in his views and aims, and much occupied through life with matters of a strictly utilitarian character, he was fond of literature. He was always a reader. He was also the master of a very effective style, and was a powerful political writer. His interest in politics remained lively almost to the last. This, however, is only to say that he never ceased to be a fervid patriot. In politics he was Radical, and a warm supporter of Secretary Stanton—his personal friend as well as the advocate of measures which commanded his entire approval.

Teaching and Money Making.

We have no idea that the profession of teaching has any legitimate connection with the habit of grumbling, yet as a matter of fact, we do find this class of contributors to the common weal quite often indulging in the practice. Sometimes it is the want of social position which they think their due; sometimes the unreasonable exactions that are made upon them both as to the amount of labor to be rendered for each pupil, and as to the result that must be forthcoming, whatever the quantum of wit the parents may have transmitted, or of attention they may be daily giving to their hopeful heirs. But after all, the real trouble is, reserved as they may be about it, that they are not paid to their satisfaction. They have the hardihood to take glad to see you, glad to see you, and a low cottonwood tree, and a blue cotton umbrella under his arm, that is old Tom McCreery, and he is going into town for his mail, and to talk politics a little while with his stanch friends.

If you ride up to his gate you will hear a deep bass voice shouting, "Light down, sir; walk up, sir; sit down, and we'll have something to take; glad to see you, glad to see you." In his house, and a mouthful to eat, sir; you will stay all night, sir, and feel all the better for it in the morning, sir." That is old Tom McCreery, and you are just as welcome as if you never had a cent of all he owns. McCreery is well blessed with the goods of this world, and abundantly able to dispense the hospitality that fills him with delight, and makes him so popular with his friends. He is a rough old fellow and always a little dirty in his personal appearance, but a cleverer man than Thomas C. McCreery does not live. He loves women, is a good judge of the pure article of Bourbon, and rides a fine horse, and keeps a fine stable of horses, and has a private track on his farm, where he amuses himself with running his stock, or having little scrub races with his neighbors. Ask him where the prettiest women are found, the finest men live, the finest horses bred, or the best Bourbon to be had, and he will strike his chest with his right hand, and answer, with all the pride of a Logan, "In Kentucky, sir, and no where else, sir." He is a quiet, good natured man, but insult him and he will fight in a minute. He is well read, and can make a good speech, but is not fond of talking in public. If he had been Pope, he would have been one of the most brilliant and active men in the State, but he has never had occasion to exert either his body or his brains much, and was seldom heard of, except at the State Conventions, where he nearly always appeared as the delegate from his county. When he goes to Washington, Mr. McCreery will vote steadily with Davis, Doolittle, Hendricks and Saulsbury, but he will be personally popular with Ben. Wade, Morton, Nye, Brownlow, and all that class of men."

Train and the Frenchmen.

When in Paris, some years ago, George Francis Train, although ignorant of a single word of French, managed to create indignation in a party of Frenchmen who had been invited to meet him at the house of an English resident. The manner in which he indicated by pantomimic gesture his thorough contempt for the people and the government under which they lie trodden down and crushed out of all shape or identity; the way in which he displayed his opinion that the continent of Europe was destined to become American in feeling and enterprise—illustrating his conviction by pouring out a glass of water, destined to represent Europe—then mixing a few drops of wine, which, coloring the whole, was meant for the infusion of much American life and energy must of necessity produce upon the slow-going, worn out population of Europe—was something admirable, and so eloquent in gesture and grace that not one of the company but understood it all as perfectly as if accompanied by the most flowery description; and although many of the Red Reps present wanted to call him out for his impertinence, and would probably have done so but for the receipt of other taxes, after which time Collectors will be appointed to collect from delinquents "as other taxes are collected."

DAVID AIKEN, JR., County Treasurer.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION ROOMS, } Pittsburgh, Pa., February 22d, 1868. }

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION adopted this day by the Pittsburgh Petroleum Association,

A NATIONAL CONVENTION OF

Refiners and Dealers in Petroleum,

Will be held in PITTSBURGH, PENNA., on WEDNESDAY, March 4th, 1868, at 12 o'clock M. All Refiners and Dealers throughout the country are cordially invited to attend, as business of great importance to the oil interest will be brought before the Convention.

H. M. LONG, President.
A. F. BROOKS, Secretary.

MARSHAL'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas*, issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and to me directed, I will expose to public sale in FRANKLIN, Venango county, Pennsylvania, on TUESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to wit:

4 tons Hoop Iron; 30,000 Staves; 1 Portable Engine; Machinery and Fixtures for Distilling Coal Oil, &c.

Seized and forfeited as the property of JOHN F. SMITH, by the United States.

THOMAS A. ROWLEY,
U. S. Marshal Western District of Pa.
Marshal's Office, Pittsburgh, Feb. 21, 1868.

OFFICE OF THE TRIUMPH OIL COMPANY, } No. 19 Irwin street, } Pittsburgh, February 15th, 1868. }

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the

TRIUMPH OIL COMPANY

Will be held at their office on

MONDAY, MARCH 2d, 1868,

at 3 P. M., for the purpose of Electing Officers for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may be presented.

WILLIAM MUSSELER, Secretary.

WM. HOLMES.....JAMES IRWIN.

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THE LEASE OF SAMANA BAY.

A Dominican Potest Against it.

Late advices from Santo Domingo City inform us that the question of the lease of the Bay of Samana continued to agitate the public mind. Senor J. B. Zafra, one of the ablest men of the Congress, and one of the ablest men of the Republic of Santo Domingo had made a speech against the proceeding. "To pull down the Dominican flag," he said, "in order to plant a foreign flag in its place, is not only repugnant, but odious, and whatever may be the motives such an act could not be regarded otherwise than as an act of treason." He continued at much length and said: "In short, gentlemen, it would be to decree the extinction of our race by putting beside a Republic of 30,000,000 of souls a colony of 6,000,000 of Africans, for whom place cannot be found in the great American Republic, and which, increased by several millions more of Europeans whom the peninsula of Samana could not contain, would extend itself from Higuey, to Mole St. Nicholas, and from Cape Beatta to Porto Platte. What then would become, in the course of a few years, of the 300,000 colored Dominicans, who are neither whites nor blacks? Would not the fate of the old Indians whom the Spaniards destroyed become that of this easy going, careless race, when exposed to a new invasion by other conquerors more powerful and more skillful than the Spaniard? Further: if the money of the American should prove better than that of the Spaniard, which we despised to the extent of driving him out of the country, which a series of criminal and incapable Governors had corrupted by bribes, will it be possible to satisfy the greed of speculationists and speculators who seek to make their fortune, not by means of industry, but rather by the occupations and chances of war? Will Government be possible while there exists a party who will not sell themselves to those who will seek power in order to gain American gold? Gentlemen, to speak plainly, I consider the cession of the Territory of Samana, under every point of view, as a school of immorality, as the focus of our future discussions, and a transaction in which, for every ounce of gold there will be paid several pounds of blood. Samana will be a point of refuge for all the conspirators, an open door for the Americanization of the whole Republic, and, finally, the aspiring message of the Spanish party, and of all those who have not wished our nationality, nor believed its existence possible."

PERSONAL.

—Bishop Janes, of the Methodist Church, left New York on the early morning train for Washington on Friday. In the crowd at the Jersey City depot he chanced to hear three men talking about the removal of Mr. Stanton from the War Office to be effected that day, and the installment therein of Gen. Lorenzo Thomas. Curious and anxious, the Bishop followed the men into the car they selected, and, seated near them, rode to Baltimore, where they all got out. Their talk on the journey, and which the Bishop could not help overhearing, was much of it full of the impending "coup d'etat, and of the only difficulty in the way of its success, namely, the resistance of Grant and the firmness and courage of Secretary Stanton. When the Bishop arrived in Washington he lost no time in obtaining an interview with Gen. Grant and communicating what he had accidentally learned.

—The youthful Prince, Salvadore Iturbide, grandson of the Emperor Iturbide of Mexico, who was shot in 1823, has just entered the Pontifical Zouaves. It will be remembered that the Prince was formally adopted by the unfortunate Maximilian, who designated him as heir to the throne. The Prince was placed in Paris for safe keeping, and was educated at Sainte Barbe et Rue Vaneau of the Mexican government. It is said that he has a profound aversion to the Imperial Government of France—an assertion which is in itself quite probable, considering how little the Emperor Napoleon has done for him. It is also reported that the priests have carefully fostered this prejudice, and it is by their influence that he is led to join the army of the Pope.

—Olive Logan tells of a suffering southern woman who "had not eaten a bite for nearly four years, and had not slept a wink since the first gun was fired on Sumter," who received $13 from some charitable ladies in New York, and immediately satisfied the terrible gnawings of hunger by the purchase of a point lace collar at Stewart's.

—Dr. Kane says: "I never heard a kind accent from the Esquimaux to his dog. The driver's whip of walrus hide, some twenty feet long, a stone or a lump of ice skillfully directed, an imprecation loud and sharp, made emphatic by the fish or foot, and a grudged ration of seal's meat, make up the winter's entertainment of an Esquimaux's team."

—Dr. Cumming writes to a London paper that he still believes his interpretation of prophecy to be correct and "that it is time for every man, while doing his duty to his country, his family, society at large, to have his loins girt and his lamp burning, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Ravages of the Cholera in Buenos Ayres.

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The Land Slide at Naples.

A private letter from a gentleman of this city, dated at Sorrento, Italy, January 31st, gives the following particulars of the land slip at Naples:

"We have had a wonderful escape from death. A mountain over 600 feet above the road fell just as we reached the spot, and after we had crossed the barricade in the road, the remaining portions of the mountain side came down with the roar of artillery. But this is nothing to what has just occurred at Naples. Bayard Taylor and family resided at No. 21 Santa Lucia, and I went twice to the house to secure an apartment there, and the situation was very lovely, and should certainly have resided there if the rooms had been large enough. The house stood on the principal street—the Chiaja—and stretching away up over it was a hill with house above house, for several hundred feet. Taylor, thank God, came to Sorrento a few days ago to see us, and yesterday the whole side of the hill on the Chiaja gave way, and eighty persons are dead—ruins. Taylor's property is entirely buried beneath the wreck of three upper ones, and I am sorry to say that an omnibus, coming from the railway, and containing, among others, two Americans, was passing at the time and that all the passengers perished. I went into Naples to-day to see the scene of the disaster and am sick at heart. I am disinclined to stay here for any great length of time, for it seems as if the mountains were all tumbling down and I think Vesuvius is at the bottom of it all.

The Anglo-Saxon and the Latin Populations in New Orleans.

It is estimated that 40,000 Spaniards, by birth and immediate descent, are living in Louisiana. They are most numerous in this and the parishes of St. Bernard and Natchitoches. About the lakes many are engaged in fishing. The lower section of New Orleans is called "Spanish Town," and contains many relics of the old *regime*—Spanish architecture, Spanish faces and Spanish reserve and exclusiveness. Many of the old residents of this quarter, born on the soil, have never crossed Canal street, which is the admitted boundary line between the Latin and Anglo-Saxon populations. Not many years ago the latter element in the city was quite insignificant, socially and commercially. The aversion to "Americans," as such, was hardly less intense than that, in later years, manifested toward the "Yankee Doodles." Just previous to 1840 the first American Mayor of the city was elected. It was regarded as a great event, and was the occasion of much rejoicing on the one hand and of much chagrin on the other. The result marked the fulfillment of all of an undemocratic element upon our soil, and showed the powerlessness of wealth, aristocracy and old establishments, in contest with the vital energy of the incoming rival race.

Mexico's Debt.

The difference in annual cost between the two Governments was $38,841,886. The annual salary voted to Maximilian was $1,500,000; that of President Juarez, $30,000. Exclusive of French claims, formerly audited, the recognized foreign debt of Mexico is $78,772,743. What is the actual state of her resources to meet the interest upon this debt, and her expenses for the year, cannot yet be ascertained. In the recent debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the proposition for a new budget, Mr. Prieto made a rough guess of $1,250,000 as the monthly expenses of the Government, and $15,000,000 as the year's total. Against this sum Mr. Prieto placed $8,000,000 as the utmost amount desirable from the present condition of customs. The budget for the year is likely to prove something between those of 1855 and 1861, the only available exemplars. That of 1855 was over $14,000,000; that of 1861, $8,327,418. From all sources it is fully believed that the Republic will raise enough to meet her present obligations. It should be remembered that the appropriation for the war in Yucatan is only temporary. Once put a quietus on the disease of *pronunciation*, which breaks out in Mexico like a rash, and her financial question is at peace to work out its own solution.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A. H. STEPHENS.

What the Confederate V. P. Thinks of Matters and Things.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Enquirer* has been *interviewing* Alexander H. Stephens, of Confederate memory, who is spending some time there superintending the publication of his book. Of course the reporter had a considerable story to tell; but we fail to find much that is either new or interesting. Mr. S. gave it as his opinion that the South is worse off than when the war closed, and little prospect of getting better, on account of the negroes. We quote:

We asked, in case the negroes got the ascendancy in Georgia, what the white population would do?

"Abandon the State," said Mr. Stephens. "I would leave it with the precipitation of Lot, and never look back. We are so organized there, the proportions of the races are such that negro citizenship would leave the whites in a minority. To this we could never submit; our only policy would be emigration. We cannot altogether blame the negroes for this. They are poor, credulous people, who cannot see their interests and ours to be identical. Political emissaries have tempted them, for no other purpose than to keep a party in power, regardless of the good of our society and the negroes' own well-being."

At this point Mr. Stephens came to his favorite issue of a centralized government as opposed to the original republican theory of a system of sovereignties.

"I give this country and republican institutions four years more of trial," he said: "this madness for centralization, this consolidated despotism, if achieved, will be the downfall of freedom. It is the last chance for man at intelligent self-government. Against these principles, now in the critical moment of their triumph, the whole wisdom of the founders of our country was directed. Madness reigns; we are about to destroy freedom to build up a party and a government that will devour us."

Being desirous of knowing whether Northern men were still settling in Georgia, Mr. Stephens replied to our question in the negative.

"They came in there at first rapidly—a good class of Northern men, too. Nobody is settling in the State at present. Why should they? Would not lend Georgia a dime if the negro issue is prosperous there. I might as well throw it in the sea. Stagnation, bankruptcy, and ruin are inevitable as we are now drifting at the present time."

We then inquired if Savannah shared in the decline of the State.

"No!" he said: "Savannah being the seaport city, has fared exceptionably well. A large cotton crop was exported last year. Georgia has everything to make a great State. Will regulated, she has no superior in the Union. If the country were legislated for by a spirit of wise and beneficient patriotism, we would be happy and thrive. The South went almost body into the insurrection. It accepted the issue of arms obediently, but without a thought of the issue to be forced upon us.

We ventured to suggest bluntly to Mr. Stephens that he should express his choice of a candidate for the next Presidency.

"Well," he said, "I am not an active man now; I am a paroled prisoner. However, I don't mind saying that I think Mr. Johnson's re-election would be a good thing for the country. He is honest, and I believe that I can see. I have disagreed with him many times, but he is a national man, who tries to do for the best, and who seems to see the clearest. I think his position is a patriotic one, and he is steadfast in it. If the Democratic party could harmonize and nominate him, it would encourage the Southern people to believe that all might yet be well."

We asked Mr. Stephens if his celebrated "Slavery the Corner-Stone" speech had been properly reported.

He answered that he supposed it had, but that in quotation it had been perverted to make him say that slavery was the foundation of the new Confederacy. He had meant that society was organized there upon the recognition of this institution, and that, with the whole policy of the South, this institution was interwoven.

He added, in reply to inquiry, that the correspondent of a Cincinnati paper had called upon him last year, and had a talk with him, but that he had been surprised to see anything whatever of that conversation reported. The correspondent referred to, said Mr. Stephens, did not understand nor comprehend my views in the main. As to Mr. Davis, the ex-President, Mr. Stephens said he had not seen him since the close of the war, when the one went to Fort Warren and the other to Fortress Monroe.

The Kentucky Senator.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* supplies all the necessary information concerning the new United States Senator from Kentucky. We quote: Thomas C. McCreery, of Daviess county, Kentucky, or, as he is better known here, "old Tom McCreery," lives on a farm, in the lower part of this State, and we venture to say a jollier old soul does not exist any where else in this broad Commonwealth. He once read law, and sometimes tries a case, but can almost always be found on his big farm among the pigs, cattle and horses. If, as you go out of the village near his home, you meet a fat old man, shabbily dressed, with an immense, battered stove-pipe hat, riding an old mare with burrs in her mane and tail, and a blue cotton umbrella under his arm, that is old Tom McCreery, and he is going into town for his mail, and to talk politics a little while with his stanch friends.

If you ride up to his gate you will hear a deep bass voice shouting, "Light down, sir; walk up, sir; sit down, and we'll have something to take; glad to see you, glad to see you." In his house, and a mouthful to eat, sir; you will stay all night, sir, and feel all the better for it in the morning, sir." That is old Tom McCreery, and you are just as welcome as if you never had a cent of all he owns. McCreery is well blessed with the goods of this world, and abundantly able to dispense the hospitality that fills him with delight, and makes him so popular with his friends. He is a rough old fellow and always a little dirty in his personal appearance, but a cleverer man than Thomas C. McCreery does not live. He loves women, is a good judge of the pure article of Bourbon, and rides a fine horse, and keeps a fine stable of horses, and has a private track on his farm, where he amuses himself with running his stock, or having little scrub races with his neighbors. Ask him where the prettiest women are found, the finest men live, the finest horses bred, or the best Bourbon to be had, and he will strike his chest with his right hand, and answer, with all the pride of a Logan, "In Kentucky, sir, and no where else, sir." He is a quiet, good natured man, but insult him and he will fight in a minute. He is well read, and can make a good speech, but is not fond of talking in public. If he had been Pope, he would have been one of the most brilliant and active men in the State, but he has never had occasion to exert either his body or his brains much, and was seldom heard of, except at the State Conventions, where he nearly always appeared as the delegate from his county. When he goes to Washington, Mr. McCreery will vote steadily with Davis, Doolittle, Hendricks and Saulsbury, but he will be personally popular with Ben. Wade, Morton, Nye, Brownlow, and all that class of men."

Train and the Frenchmen.

When in Paris, some years ago, George Francis Train, although ignorant of a single word of French, managed to create indignation in a party of Frenchmen who had been invited to meet him at the house of an English resident. The manner in which he indicated by pantomimic gesture his thorough contempt for the people and the government under which they lie trodden down and crushed out of all shape or identity; the way in which he displayed his opinion that the continent of Europe was destined to become American in feeling and enterprise—illustrating his conviction by pouring out a glass of water, destined to represent Europe—then mixing a few drops of wine, which, coloring the whole, was meant for the infusion of much American life and energy must of necessity produce upon the slow-going, worn out population of Europe—was something admirable, and so eloquent in gesture and grace that not one of the company but understood it all as perfectly as if accompanied by the most flowery description; and although many of the Red Reps present wanted to call him out for his impertinence, and would probably have done so but for the receipt of other taxes, after which time Collectors will be appointed to collect from delinquents "as other taxes are collected."

DAVID AIKEN, JR., County Treasurer.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION ROOMS, } Pittsburgh, Pa., February 22d, 1868. }

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION adopted this day by the Pittsburgh Petroleum Association,

A NATIONAL CONVENTION OF

Refiners and Dealers in Petroleum,

Will be held in PITTSBURGH, PENNA., on WEDNESDAY, March 4th, 1868, at 12 o'clock M. All Refiners and Dealers throughout the country are cordially invited to attend, as business of great importance to the oil interest will be brought before the Convention.

H. M. LONG, President.
A. F. BROOKS, Secretary.

MARSHAL'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas*, issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and to me directed, I will expose to public sale in FRANKLIN, Venango county, Pennsylvania, on TUESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described property, to wit:

4 tons Hoop Iron; 30,000 Staves; 1 Portable Engine; Machinery and Fixtures for Distilling Coal Oil, &c.

Seized and forfeited as the property of JOHN F. SMITH, by the United States.

THOMAS A. ROWLEY,
U. S. Marshal Western District of Pa.
Marshal's Office, Pittsburgh, Feb. 21, 1868.

OFFICE OF THE TRIUMPH OIL COMPANY, } No. 19 Irwin street, } Pittsburgh, February 15th, 1868. }

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the

TRIUMPH OIL COMPANY

Will be held at their office on

MONDAY, MARCH 2d, 1868,

at 3 P. M., for the purpose of Electing Officers for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may be presented.

WILLIAM MUSSELER, Secretary.

WM. HOLMES.....JAMES IRWIN.

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500 bushels Chopped Corn and Oats, 200 bushels Sifted Corn Meal, 3,000 pounds Prime Oats, 2,000 bushels Ear Corn, 1,000 bushels Shelled Corn, 100 barrels Family Flour, 100 barrels Rye Flour, 200 bushels Clover Seed, 300 bushels Prime Timothy Seed, With full Stock of Groceries in store and for sale by

H. RIDDLE,
No. 183 Liberty street.

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ALLEGHENY VALLEY RR.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Reports of President and Other Officers.

The Election of Directors.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company was held at the office on Pike street, on Tuesday, February 25th, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the officers, and electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

The meeting organized by calling Thomas K. Lynch, Esq., of Brookville, to the chair, and appointing R. L. Brown, Esq., Secretary.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT PHILLIPS.

Colonel William Phillips, President of the Company, then read the annual report of the Directors, as follows:

To the Stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company:

The fifteenth annual report of the Managers of your Company is respectfully submitted.

The earnings and expenses for the year ending January 31st, 1868, were as follows:

Receipts from all sources	$467,240 28
Operating expenses	220,274 87
Net earning	$286,965 41

For detailed statement of items for the above sums reference is made to the report of the Treasurer.

The rolling stock has been largely increased, both for freight and passengers, and the motive power to the number of ten first-class locomotives—making in all twenty-six locomotives, all in good order—full particulars of which are also given in the Superintendent's report.

In the last annual report you were advised that the road from Mahoning to Brady's Bend was in rapid progress, and would be in running order early in the spring. This statement was so far verified that in the latter part of June that portion of the road was opened for public use, and has since proved itself an addition of fourteen miles of no little value. The hope was also expressed in that report, that the road from Brady's Bend to Venango City, opposite Oil City, would be opened early in the fall. In this we were so far successful as to be able to complete the track on the last day of November, 1867, and this portion of the road was formally opened on the 8th of January, 1868, and has been working successfully, with but few interruptions, ever since, in the transportion of both freight and passengers.

By this extension we now have an uninterrupted line of one hundred and thirty-three miles, from Pittsburgh to Venango City, all in good order. For the details in connection with the road, reference is made to the report of the Chief Engineer herewith submitted:

At your last annual meeting you authorized the issue of forty thousand shares of additional stock, of which thirty-six thousand shares have been disposed of, and the required installments of five per cent. of $2 50 per share paid thereon, for particulars of which reference is made to the report of the Treasurer, and your attention is also invited to the detailed statement of our financial condition therein contained.

It will be observed that our earnings for this year, although not so large as would have been desired, are still in excess of our expenses $366,965 41, and this, it will be remembered was really earned upon only a portion of the road. When we take into consideration the fact that only fifty-five miles of the road, to wit: to Mahoning, was in running order all the year, and sixty-nine miles, to Brady's Bend, for a portion of the year, we have just cause for congratulation as to the results which our earnings now exhibit. If our profits have been so large from sixty-nine miles completed, what may we not confidently anticipate from a line of one hundred and thirty-three miles. The earnings thus made upon only a portion—a little over half the length of the road—are such as to exceed largely the sum necessary to liquidate the interest upon the bonds already sold.

Your attention is this connection is invited to the fact that although not in complete and full operation, the earnings of the whole line for the month of January amounted to a little over sixty-two thousand dollars.

The Treasurer's Report exhibits the condition of the Company, to which I beg leave to refer you.

Of the Mortgage Bonds of the Company, we have on hand

320 Mortgage Bonds of $1,000 each	$320,000
180 Bonds of a surplus, after redeeming those issued under the first and second mortgages of $1,000 each	180,000
Total	$500,000

The reports of John Ballentine, Esq., Treasurer, of H. Blackstone, Esq., Superintendent, and F. W. Martin, Esq., Chief Engineer, to which reference has been severally made, are herewith attached, and to those gentlemen, as well as the others associated in this work during the past year, we beg to return our acknowledgments for faithful exertions in your behalf.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. PHILLIPS, President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

H. Blackstone, Esq., Superintendent, then read the following report:

Wm. Phillips, Esq., President Allegheny Valley Railroad Company:

SIR: I respectfully submit this report of the operations of the transportation department of your service for the fiscal year ending 31st January, 1868:

The total earnings for the year were—

From Passengers	$177,672 45
From Freights	306,435 50
From Mails	3,132 33
	$487,240 28

The total expenses were—

For Conducting Transportation	$ 52,920 80
For Motive Power	80,878 72
For Maintenance of Way	45,717 18
For Maintenance of Cars	16,236 46
For Machine Shops	24,546 97
For General Expenses	20,025 14
	$220,274 87

—Showing the net earnings to be $266,965 41, or equal to 45 43-100 per cent. of gross earnings.

Comparing the operations of this with the previous year, we have these results:

The gross earnings are greater by $1,889 32, and the expenses are greater by $89,129 90.

At the beginning of the year, and until the 25th of June, the length of the road was 55 miles. On the 25th of June the road was opened to Brady's Bend, a further distance of 14 miles, making the total distance to that point of 69 miles. And on the 23d of December it was finally opened a further distance of 63½ miles to Venango City, making a total distance of 132½ miles. The earnings per mile of road operated were $7,506 29; passenger mileage for the year, $4,415,967; tonnage mileage for the year, $6,888,462; total passenger and tonnage, $11,303,829; earnings per mile of passenger and tonnage mileage, 40 cents; operating expenses per mile of passenger and tonnage mileage, 2.16 cents. Total number of passengers carried, 301,093; through passengers, 13,432; tons of freight carried, 368,652; tons of coal carried, 180,072. Average distance of tonnage transportation, 18 66-1000 miles.

There was a considerable decrease in the travel over the road in the last three or four months of the year, as there was also in the transportationof refined oil eastward. The market for refined oil not only being very dull, but the prices unprecedentedly low, it was very discouraging to refiners, and their operations were much reduced.

The construction of your road through to its present terminus at Venango City having been completed, it was opened for general transportation on the 23d of December, when the first passenger train went through to that terminus. A few days thereafter there was a general break up of the winter, and the usual difficulties and troubles attending the opening of a new road in the winter season, were met with,in land slides from above and the settlement of embankments beneath. This interrupted the regular running of trains for three or four days, further than between Pittsburgh and Brady's Bend. The land slides were removed and the embankments were restored, under the energetic operations of the Engineer's Department, to their proper level, and passenger and freight trains resumed their regular runs until the 8th of January, when a more formal opening of the road was celebrated in an excursion with a large party of the friends of the road; since which time both passenger and freight trains have been regularly run, with slight interruption.

Very many difficulties are unavoidably met with in the opening of a new road in such a season, with many very necessary appendages temporarily provided for. This was particularly felt in regard to water stations, and the severe freezing weather added no little trouble and inconvenience under these circumstances. So soon as it can be accomplished, there should be additional water stations provided, as the distance between some of them is too great to make the working of heavy trains entirely safe and convenient.

The transportation of crude oil from Venango City and points below, has not fully met your reasonable expectations. This is accounted for in part by the extreme cold weather, which immediately succeeded the opening of your road, in which it was very difficult to handle the oil, as there is more or less water in it, which freezes to and around the inside of the tanks, making it very difficult and troublesome to unload the oil.

In the breaking up of the ice in January, several of the pipes crossing the river at Venango City, which had been laid for the pumping of oil across to your road, were broken and removed; neither, could they be replaced for some time.

The greatest impediment, however, in the way of its transportation, was the extreme low prices and a very dull market. All these impediments are greatly lessened or removed, and the prospect is much brighter for increased and more profitable operations in this important item of transportation.

At the close of the last fiscal year, the motive power consisted of sixteen locomotives. Since that time ten have been added to that number, two of which were built at the Pittsburgh Locomotive Works, seven at Norris Locomotive Works, at Lancaster, and one by Hinkley & Williams, Boston. These are all first-class engines in good order and capable of doing good service.

You are respectfully referred to the table hereto appended, showing the number of engines, size of cylinder, size and number of drivers, cost of maintenance, mileage, &c. Another engine for coal transportation is very much needed and should be supplied without delay.

During the year engine No. 7 has been rebuilt all anew, excepting the cylinders, part of the boiler and the wheels. Five engines have had new steel tyres, and one new iron tyre; two require new tyres, which must be supplied immediately. The iron tyres on Nos. 17 and 18 are wearing very rapidly, and are very inferior. No. 17 has only been in service about six months, and the tyres have worn so rapidly as to be required to be turned and tyned up already, and No. 18 is wearing rapidly in the same manner.

The equipments of your road consists of:

16 passenger cars—5 iron and 11 wooden;	
10 baggage and mail cars;	
10 eight wheeled box and stock cars;	
170 eight wheeled flat cars;	
3 eight wheeled cylinder oil tank cars—one with iron frame and fire proof;	
17 four wheeled gravel dump cars;	
Of the above there have been added during the year:	
3 first class modern passenger cars;	
2 first class iron passenger cars;	
100 eight wheeled box cars;	
174 eight wheeled flat cars;	
3 eight wheeled cylinder bulk oil cars.	

The passenger cars are in a very good condition; two of them have been thoroughly repaired, upholstered and repainted. The freight cars are generally in good order: a few of them have been damaged and broken somewhat in being thrown from the track, but will soon be repaired and placed in the service again. A number more will be required on which to place oil tanks and for ordinary rough freights.

In the maintenance of way there has been much labor expended during the year on the older portion of the road between Pittsburgh and Kittanning, in ditching and ballasting and supplying new cross ties, &c. There has been 28,231 cross ties put into this portion of your road during the past summer and fall season, and very nearly the entire road between Pittsburgh and Kittanning has been supplied with cross ties. Nine and a half miles of track have been laid the past season. There yet remains about twenty-six miles of old rails to be taken up and re-rolled and replaced during the coming summer. This can be done very rapidly, as the new cross ties are laid ready to receive it, when you will have a road that will compare very favorably with any first-class road in the country.

During the year the Company's sidings have been added to by 2 3-10 miles. We still need more, not only for shifting and making up trains, but for passing-points for freight and oil trains.

Two trestles have been erected under the Poketa Bridge, below Parnassus, to make it secure for the season. This bridge should be rebuilt during the coming summer.

The old trestle-work at Wainwright's Run having become decayed, has been removed and new work supplied.

The trestles at Manor Bottom, where the road-bed had been washed away by the flood of 1865, has been filled up. The work of filling in the old Pennsylvania Canal at Schenley has also been completed.

In the work of relaying the track it was necessary to provide accommodations for the tracklayers. To do this a portion of the freight station at Hulton was appropriated to this use and converted into two very comfortable dwelling apartments.

No new water stations were built on the older portion of your road during the year, although they are much needed.

To test the comparative value of steel-headed rails, and the Brady's Bend double-worked rails, five hundred and fifty feet of each were placed parallel in the track, where they are exposed to rough service, when in about six months one of the steel rails was removed, being completely worn out; the remaining rails of both lots are still in comparative good condition.

No passengers on your road were killed during the year, and but one injured. This occurred from his putting his arm outside the window in passing Ireland Coal Works, where a car loaded with pit posts was standing on the siding. One employee—James Gibson—slipped and fell under a switching engine, and his legs were both crushed. He died in a few hours thereafter. Three persons, not employees, were run over on the track. Chas. Mr. Rankin, of Brady's Bend, had both legs so badly crushed as to require amputation. He died in about two weeks after the accident. The other two persons were found on the track, having been run over during the night.

To R. L. Brown, Assistant Superintendent, and to the employees generally, I take pleasure in acknowledging their faithful co-operation.

Respectfully submitted.

H. BLACKSTONE, Superintendent.

Report of the Chief Engineer.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, A. V. RR.,
PITTSBURGH, February 15, 1868.

Col. Wm. Phillips, President A. V. RR. Co:

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the character, cost and present condition of the work on your road between the mouth of Mahoning and Venango City. Having so lately assumed the duties of Chief Engineer must be my excuse for not submitting a more detailed statement:

DISTANCE, LINE AND GRADE.

The distance between the points named is seventy-seven and one-half miles. The line follows the river for the entire distance, and is located on the hillside above the flood of March, 1865. The curvation is, generally speaking, light; it was the aim to keep it below four degree curve, or 1,610 feet radius, but owing to short bends in the river, it was found necessary to increase the curvation to seven degrees more, or 819 feet radius at three points. The average grade is two and one-half feet per mile—arranged to suit the curvation—being reduced on curves and increased on tangents, but the maximum does not exceed four and one-half feet per mile.

The general character of the work is what is termed "side-cutting;" indeed, there is but one through "cut off" of any magnitude on this portion of the line—this is at the mouth of Clarion, where, owing to the abrupt hill and the angle made by the rivers, it was found necessary, in order to locate the bridge out of danger of ice floods in the Allegheny, to make a thorough cut through solid rock, some six hundred or seven hundred feet long and from thirty to forty feet in depth.

TRESTLE WORK.

Owing to the high price of masonry, and the length of time required to build it, thereby delaying the opening of the road for business, it was deemed advisable to substitute trestle work for bridges, set upon masonry, at the crossings of the various small streams encountered on the line between Brady's Bend and Venango City. These streams, twenty-one in number, were so crossed, requiring trestling nineteen hundred feet in length in the aggregate. In order to avoid the destruction of valuable oil wells at Scrubgrass, it was found necessary to build eight hundred feet of trestle work. Also, at Coal City, nineteen hundred and forty-five feet were erected for the same reason, making in the aggregate four thousand six hundred and ninety feet. Two construction trains have been at work at the last mentioned place for two months past, filling up and securing it against the ice floods, and I now consider it out of danger from that cause. The trains, however, are still at work, and will continue as long as possible.

BRIDGES.

The Mahoning River, Redbank Creek, Clarion River and East Sandy Creek are spanned by Howe Truss Bridges set on stone abutments and piers of the most substantial character: Indeed, better masonry cannot be found on any road. These structures are twelve hundred and ten feet long in the aggregate. There are also ten small truss bridges set upon stone abutments, the spans of which vary from thirty to fifty feet. The aggregate length of these is four hundred and fifty feet.

SIDINGS.

The grading for siding, twenty-five hundred feet long, at intervals of five miles, has been done. The length of sidings now down is eight miles, leaving two and one-half miles yet to lay.

BALLASTING.

The track is ballasted with broken stone for distance a of forty miles, backfilled *only* with the same material for seventeen miles, and for the distance of twenty-one and a half miles it is laid on sub-grade. There are fine gravel banks on this last portion, and the ballasting can be done, in a great measure, by the men employed in the maintenance of way. The condition of the track is, generally speaking, good, but a portion of that laid on sub-grade is somewhat rough, owing to the settlement of the banks during the December thaw, and the severe and continued cold weather immediately following, which prevented the resurfacing of the track. I would recommend the ballasting of this portion as early in the spring as possible, for it requires the monthly expenditure of a large sum to keep the track even in tolerable running order, and most of the work so done is only of a temporary nature.

WATER STATIONS.

At present there are four water stations on this portion of the line. It will be necessary to build at least two more in the spring.

STATION AND FREIGHT HOUSES.

Temporary buildings have been provided at all the stations, except Phillipsburgh and Emlenton; at these points comfortable buildings have been purchased and fitted up for the purpose.

COST.

The whole amount expended up to the present time is two millions six hundred and forty-one thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars ($2,641,189), averaging thirty-four thousand and seventy-eight dollars per mile. I do not think the entire cost of the road when completed will exceed thirty-six thousand dollars ($36,000) per mile.

Very respectfully,
Your obd't servant,
F. W. MARTIN, Chief Engineer.

THE REPORTS TO BE PRINTED.

On motion, the above reports were accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed.

THANKS TO OFFICERS.

On motion, a vote of thanks were tendered to the President, Superintendent and employees of the road, for the faithful performance of their duties during the past year.

On motion, Messrs. Edward Gregg, John Brinker, Jr., and Robert Means were appointed Tellers to conduct the election of Directors.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

After the adjournment of the meeting, the stockholders proceeded to an election for a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected, there being no opposition:

Wm. Phillips,	
Wm. M. Lyon,	James Park, Jr.,
Wm. K. Nimick,	J. P. Lyon,
	Felix R. Brunot.

The Board will meet in a few days to elect officers of the Company for the ensuing year.

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The Stockholders of this Company cannot be sold out or transferred to any other Company. The act of Congress under which this Company has been organized, prohibits any transfer of the franchises granted.

CALLS—HOW TO BE MADE.

One Per Cent. of the Stock will be required on subscribing, and subsequent calls, not to exceed Five Per Cent per month, will be made by the Board of Directors, from time to time, as may be necessary, to supply funds to construct and equip the lines; but no calls will be made after the One Per cent. is paid, until the entire Capital Stock shall have been subscribed.

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PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 26, 1868.

CITY MATTERS.

CITY COUNCILS.

The Pittsburgh and Birmingham Passenger Railway Co---The Municipal Record---The People's Passenger Railway---The Retrocession of the Townships---A Police Telegraph---Frauds in Weighing Coal---Election of Meat Inspector---Report of Committee on Roads---The City Controller's Report---Opinion of Solicitor of Office---Opinion of Single---Routine Business, &c., &c.

CITY COUNCILS.

An adjourned meeting of City Councils was held on Tuesday afternoon, February 25th, 1868.

SELECT COUNCIL.

JAMES McAULEY - - - - - - *President.*
E. S. MORROW - - - - - - - - *Clerk.*

The CLERK called the roll, when the following members answered as present: Messrs. W. R. Brown, A. M. Brown, Cochran, Coffin, Coyle, Dickson, Dunn, Gallagher, Gross, Herdman, Jones, Kehew, Lanfman, Morrow, McClelland, McClintock, McEwen, McKibben, Ogden, Phillips, Rafferty, Rees, Shipton, Wainwright, White, and President McAuley.

The CLERK read the minutes of the previous session, which were approved.

The PRESIDENT announced that one of the matters to be attended to was the election of a Meat Inspector, and he suggested that, before any other business be transacted, the Clerk do form the Common Council that the Select is now ready to meet them in Joint Session for that purpose.

The CLERK was instructed to give notice to that effect, whereupon the two bodies met in Joint Session.

The business of the Joint Session having been concluded, Select Council returned to their chamber.

(The PRESIDENT being indisposed, Mr. SHIPTON, at his request, consented to occupy the chair.)

THE PITTSBURGH AND BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY COMPANY.

The ordinance granting certain privileges to the Pittsburgh and Birmingham Passenger Railway Company, laid over at previous meeting, was taken up on the third reading.

Mr. A. M. BROWN offered the following, as an additional section:

SECTION 1. The privileges and franchises granted by this ordinance are made upon the express objection to the express condition and reserved right of the Councils of the city of Pittsburgh to grant any passenger railway company, now incorporated, the right of using the railway tracks of the Pittsburgh and Birmingham Passenger Railway Company, from Washington street to Fifth street, and from Fifth to Washington street, or any portion thereof between said points, upon payment of a just proportion of the value or cost of construction thereof, and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be fixed and determined by the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny county.

Mr. PHILLIPS remarked that the section was substantially the same as that which had been stricken out of the original ordinance.

The PRESIDENT then read the original ordinance.

Mr. W. R. BROWN offered, as an amendment to the amendment, to allow roads coming from the South to traverse the same line to Washington. The amendment was accepted.

Mr. PHILLIPS objected, because the object was precisely what had been stricken out before.

Mr. W. R. BROWN contended that it was not.

The PRESIDENT then read the section which had been stricken out, and remarked that Councils should judge for themselves.

Mr. PHILLIPS objected, because the object was to cripple or prevent the building of that road.

Mr. A. M. BROWN stated that the gentleman (Mr. Phillips) had done him great injustice---not intentionally, however---and referred to the MUNICIPAL RECORD as to his action in regard to this matter. He was *bona fide* in favor of giving the company the right and voted their trade to this company; but offered the amendment solely to protect the right of the citizens and prevent monopoly.

Mr. MCAULEY asked how it would be possible for two roads to occupy one trade---even a double trade? It would be simply nonsensical to expect such a thing. No business could be conducted on any such impracticable principle. If we are determined to kill this measure, do it manfully, but as to running two roads over the same track, that was simply nonsensical.

Mr. JONES was in favor of the amendment. He never would oppose public improvements, but such restrictions should be placed upon the company as to prevent monopolies. Two roads *can* operate on the same tracks. The Oakland and Minersville roads do so.

Mr. MCAULEY---That is done under articles of agreement.

Mr. JONES---Certainly. And it is not unreasonable to have other companies run in the same way.

Mr. MORROW said the company now had the right, under act of Assembly, to extend their road to Washington street, and they now propose to extend it accordingly.

Mr. SHIPTON---That extension must be by the consent of Councils.

Mr. MORROW---I am aware of that, but it seems to me that any restrictions placed upon the company, beyond what was the general intention, looked like oppression or injustice.

Mr. OGDEN remarked that there was no intention on the part of the company to *monopolize* any rights or privileges. They only asked fair legislation. Under the general railroad law any other company could make arrangements to use the tracks of this company.

Mr. A. M. BROWN said it was simply absurd to talk about *such agreements*. The company could demand whatever they pleased from any other line wishing to occupy their tracks, and this would prevent any second company from using the tracks.

Mr. PHILLIPS thought the effect of the amendment would be to give any other company the right to come in, after the pioneer company had begun to make money, and divide the business with them.

Mr. MCAULEY protested against the amendment as unjust and impracticable.

Mr. JONES feared that the persistent efforts of the company to get the power in their own hands, and not rest it even with the Court of Common Pleas, indicated an intention to monopolize the privileges sought for.

Mr. GROSS offered as a further amendment, "that in case the companies cannot agree upon the rate and terms of compensation, then the Court of Common Pleas shall fix the same."

Mr. A. M. BROWN accepted the amendment.

The question was then called, and the yeas and nays were demanded.

The CLERK called the roll, when the yeas and nays resulted as follows:

Ayes---Brown (W. R.), Brown (A. M.), Cochrane, Coyle, Dunn, Gallagher, Gross, Jones, Kehew, Lanfman, McClelland, McClintock, McEwen, Rafferty, Shipton, and Wainwright---16.

Nays---Coffin, Dickson, Herdman, Morrow, McKibben, Ogden, Phillips, Rees, White, and McAuley---10.

Adopted.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. A. M. BROWN offered the following additional section:

SECTION --- This order shall not go into effect nor shall it be recorded until said company shall file in the office of the City Controller an agreement under the seal of said company accepting this ordinance, and all its conditions and covenanting; that any failure to comply with any of its terms, provisions or conditions, shall at the option of the City Council, be held to work a revocation of the privileges and franchises herein granted.

Mr. MCAULEY could not see the propriety of filling section on section, when the ordinance was complete without it.

The question was called, and the additional section was adopted.

The ordinance, as amended, was then read a third time and passed.

THE MUNICIPAL RECORD.

The PRESIDENT took up, as unfinished business, the communication of the City Controller relative to the publication of the Common Proceedings, city ordinances, etc., in the MUNICIPAL RECORD, which was in Common Council referred to the Committee on City Printing.

Mr. A. M. BROWN objected to concurrence, not exactly understanding the matter.

Mr. MCAULEY also objected, as it was necessary to keep up, in the usual form, the acts of Assembly and ordinances, which was all that was necessary. The RECORD was a good thing, but it would not suit this purpose at all.

Mr. A. M. BROWN cordially endorsed Mr. McAuley's remark. He would award all due praise to the publishers of the COMMERCIAL for the valuable RECORD which they furnished, but it was not proper to supersede the annual pamphlet acts and ordinances by a journal so cumbersome and unsuitable for that purpose. He moved to non-concur in the Controller of Common Council, which was agreed to.

THE PEOPLES' PASSENGER RAILWAY PROJECT.

Mr. JONES presented the following, signed by about one hundred and fifty citizens of the Fifth and Ninth wards:

The undersigned, citizens of the city of Pittsburgh residing or doing business on Liberty street, respectfully set forth that they are in very great want of additional facilities for travel to and from the said city, and as there is a bill before the Legislature asking the incorporation of the People's Passenger Railway Company, and inasmuch as Councils have instructed our Senators and Representatives to vote against said bills, we respectfully ask Councils to countermand said instruction, and instruct our Senators and Representatives to vote for, and to use all proper means to pass said bill. We especially instruct our Councilman from this, our own district (Liberty township), to act upon the aforesaid instruction, and to pass a resolution urging our said legislators to pass the bill, and to use every proper means to effect its passage.

Mr. MCALLISTER offered a similar petition, to the same effect, numerously signed by citizens of the Tenth ward.

The petitions were all accepted.

Mr. KEHEW then offered the following:

Resolved, That Councils do now reconsider the resolution passed at the meeting on February 5, 1868, protesting against the passage of any bill incorporating a Passenger Railway Company, with the right to occupy Liberty street; and we do now rescind that Council do not concur in the incorporation of Liberty street for passenger railway purposes.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas to 13 nays.

In Common Council, Mr. VERNER moved to reconcur, when the yeas and nays were called and resulted as follows:

Yeas---Messrs. Batchelor, Beales, Davis, Friday, Gerner, Hemphill, Herron, Palmer, Redman, Reed, Verner, Vick, Weldon, and President Tomlinson---14.

Nays---Messrs. Ahlborn, Barton, Boggs, Brush, Caskey, Carroll, Dauh, Hillerman, Jeremy, Mawhinney, Moorhead, Reed, Reynolds, Robb, Rosewell, J. R. Scott, A. Scott, Zern---18.

The question was then taken on the motion to concur in the action of Select Council, which was also lost---yeas, 15; nays, 17.

THE RETROCESSION OF THE TOWNSHIPS.

Mr. A. M. BROWN then offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, A law for individuals, injustly claiming the townships of Collins, Liberty, and the east part of the township of Lehigh, Elizabeth, Jefferson, Oakland and Pitt which last, in 1837, annexed, in the act of April 6th, 1837, and included in the City Councils, are now represented in the Central Board of Education, and municipal government of the city of Pittsburgh, that is proposed legislation would be inimical to the interests of the people as a whole, and unfair to the said citizens of the annexed townships; and

Resolved, By the Select Council of the City of Pittsburgh, the Common Council concurring, That the people of said city are unqualifiedly opposed to the act read in place by Mr. David L. Smith in the House of Representatives, and referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations, which is proposals the act of April 6, 1867, under which the territorial limits of the city have been greatly extended, its population largely increased, and the present municipal government inaugurated and in successful operation.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives be and they are hereby requested to oppose any and all legislation impairing our territorial integrity and corporate franchises, or contrary to the spirit and intent of the act of consolidation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed, and forwarded to our Senators and Representatives at Harrisburg.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted without debate, several members voting in the negative.

PETITIONS.

Mr. KEHEW presented a petition of Messrs. Buffum, Kehew & Co. and Geo. Gumbert, asking that privilege be granted to John Hays and Thomas Ryan to grade that portion of Reed street between Mr. Gumbert's property and the Oil Refinery, at their own proper cost.

Mr. MCAULEY moved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, provided that the work be done under the direction of the City Engineer. Agreed to.

A POLICE TELEGRAPH.

The PRESIDENT read a communication from Messrs. William J. Jordan and D. D. Cushman, representing that they are the inventors of a new and useful mode of electro-magnetic telegraphing, which they believe is specially adapted to the police, city intelligence, express and railroad purposes, and which they desired to present the working and operation of to the members of Councils and the business men and tax payers of the city, with a view of making a proposition for its erection and adoption as a system of Police Telegraph.

On motion of Mr. OGDEN, the communication was received and filed.

PETITIONS.

Mr. COYLE, a petition from citizens of Oakland township, for about three hundred feet of water pipe on Forbes street from Gist. Referred to Committee on Water.

Mr. WAINWRIGHT, a petition asking for the grading and paving of Hazlett's alley, Lawrenceville. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. SHIPTON, a petition from John McGee, asking for $200 additional compensation for excavating for water pipe on Mercer street. Referred to the Water and Street Committees.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER.

The PRESIDENT submitted the following communication from the City Controller:

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
PITTSBURGH, PA., February 25th, 1868.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh:

Accompanying you will find the annual report, of this office for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1868, together with the reports of the several city officers, viz: Monongahela Wharfmaster, Allegheny Wharfmaster, Superintendent of Markets, Clerk of Markets, City Gauger, City Assessor, Supervisor of Water Rents. Also a statement from the City Engineer, with bills of various parties for services as viewers in the different street openings and sewers during 1867. Below you will find a resolution providing for their payment.

Resolved, That the City Controller be and is hereby authorized to issue his warrants on the Mayor for warrants in favor of the viewers mentioned in the City Engineer's report, and for the amounts mentioned therein, and charge the same to appropriation No. 13, Contingent Fund.

The communication was accepted, and the several reports ordered to be published in the papers authorized to do the city printing.

THE REPORTS.

Controller's Report.

Controller Steel's report of the Finances of the city of Pittsburgh, showing the amount of money received and disbursed during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1868; the various sources from which the revenue was derived, and the objects to which it was applied, together with the balance in the City Treasury.

Samuel Ailinder, City Treasurer, in account with the city of Pittsburgh.

DR.

Feb. 1867. To balance in the Treasury....	$137,851 87
Feb. 1868. To City tax 1866....	11,857 03
Dunlap Tax, 1867....	1,000 00
To Business tax 1867....	15 42
To Business tax 1866....	3,811 50
To Business tax 1867....	174,388 79
To Water tax 1867....	244 25
To Water tax 1866....	10,721 50
To Water tax 1867....	107,096 99
To Unpaved Markets....	25 70
To Weigh Scales....	2,038 03
To Vehicle Licenses....	10,550 00
To Allegheny Wharfage....	4,247 48
To Monongahela Wharf....	18,162 63
To Sinking Fund....	24 15
To Gauger....	3,437 31
To Weigh Beam....	1,135 00
To Mayor's Office....	12,660 73
To Alderman's Fines....	1,138 00
To Water Works....	1,135 00
To Board Measuring....	237 49
To Diamond Market....	1,062 13
To Pittsburgh and Birmingham R. R. Co.	175 00
To "Citizens' Railway Company....	2,000 00
To printing Ordinances....	50 25
To Refunded Interest....	240 00
	$739,640 85

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February 1, 1868, By amounts paid viz:

On Appropr'n No. 1---Interest and tax....	$162 654 41
On " No. 2---Salaries....	1,220 00
On " No. 3---Printing....	4,571 65
On " No. 4---Fire Engine & House.	28,026 91
On " No. 5---Police....	3,158 18
On " No. 6---Waterworks....	73,000 00
On " No. 7---Contingent....	20,987 93
On " No. 8---Gas Lighting....	10,825 99
On " No. 9---Diamond Market....	2,500 00
On " No. 10---Monongah'a Wharf	2,263 78
On " No. 11---Allegheny Wharf.	9,000 00
On " No. 12---Weigh Scales....	1,800 00
On " No. 13---Contingent Fund..	11,040 10
On " No. 14---Board of Health.	2,000 00
On " No. 15---City Property....	26,756 83
On " No. 16---Interest Fund....	24,227 50
On " No. 17---Sinking Fund....	40,500 00
On " No. 20---Fifth Ward Market	538 72
On " No. 21---Liquidated Debt..	17,019 98
On City tax 1866, 6 Dunlap....	91 12
On Appropriation No. 22---Sinking Fund from Fifth Ward Market....	1,176 66
On Commissioner of Vehicle Licenses.....	230,500 70
Balance in the Treasury....	$739,640 85

Controller's Report of Taxes uncollected and unaccounted for, January 31st, 1868:	
1859. City tax....	$ 103 45
Business tax....	1,819 00
1860. City tax....	922 49
Duchess Garrison Fund....	2,063 67
Water tax....	922 06
1861. City tax....	721 91
Water tax....	641 28
1862. City tax....	878 36
Water tax....	49 91
1863. City tax....	1,021 39
Business tax....	16,190 18
Water tax....	644 12
1866. City tax....	3,777 68
Business tax....	4,042 50
Water tax....	1,625 45
1867. City tax....	26,541 11
Business tax....	20,980 25
Water tax....	
Total....	$121,892 22

Controller's Report of Bonds Retired during the fiscal year ending January 31, 1868.

Date of Issue.	Names of Holders.	Nos.	Am'ts.
Dec. 14, 1849.	Samuel P. Watkins....	77	$ 673 00
July 1, 1857.	Isabella Fawcett....	1	1,000 00
Jan. 14, 1867.	C. L. Magee, Attorney..	2	2,000 00
Dec. 3, 1846.	Union Ins'ce Co., Phila.	17	1,000 00
Dec. 3, 1846.	Union Ins'ce Co., Phila.	18	1,000 00
Dec. 3, 1846.	Union Ins'ce Co., Phila.	20	1,000 00
Dec. 3, 1846.	M. Robinson....	30	1,000 00
Feb. 3, 1845.	John McCargo, Att'y....	31	1,000 00
April 2, 1845.	Joseph Fleming....	39	1,000 00
April 28, 1845.	George Shaw, Teller....	42	1,000 00
Oct. 1, 1845.	Mary Gobrecht, Ex'trix.	52	1,000 00
Oct. 1, 1845.	Mary Gobrecht, Ex'trix.	53	1,000 00
Sept. 7, 1847.	Sam'l Allinder, Att'y....	6	500 00
Oct. 12, 1847.	Sam'l Allinder, Att'y....	141	1,000 00
Oct. 12, 1847.	Sam'l Allinder, Att'y....	142	1,000 00
Oct. 20, 1849.	Kramer & Rahm, Banking House, Att'y....	92	500 00
Oct. 12, 1847.	C. L. Magee, Att'y.....	110	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	115	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	116	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	118	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	120	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	121	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	122	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	123	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	124	500 00
Jan. 1, 1839.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	125	500 00
Feb. 17, 1851.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	9 and 10	5,000 00
Oct. 1, 1845.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	5	1,000 00
Oct. 1, 1845.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	43	1,000 00
Jan. 1, 1846.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	44	1,000 00
Jan. 1, 1846.	Geo. C. Colhoun, Att'y.	45	1,000 00
July 31, 1849.	C. L. Magee, Att'y....	9	600 00
Aug. 30, 1849.	C. L. Magee, Att'y.....	14	1,000 00
May 1, 1850.	C. L. Magee, Att'y.....	25	500 00
Total....			$32,975 00

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

		Dr.
Feb. 1, 1867.	To balance in fund....	$ 9,028 90
	To Appropriation No. 17....	40,500 00
Jan. 31, 1868.	To Fifth Ward Market....	1,178 66
Total....		$ 50,206 96
		Cr.
Jan. 31, 1868.	By bonds retired during 1867.$	32,975 00
	By balance in fund....	17,231 96
Total....		$ 50,206 96

STATEMENT

Of the Municipal or Funded Debt due and undue, on the 31st day of January 1, 1868, exclusive of compromise issue:

When due.	Style of Bonds.	5 Per Ct.	6 Per Ct.
1870....	Registered Bonds		$20,000 00
1870....	Registered Bonds		16,500 00
1880....	Registered Bonds		21,000 00
1882....	Registered Bonds		9,000 00
1883....	Registered Bonds		24,500 00
1886....	Registered Bonds		39,000 00
1886....	Registered Bonds		34,800 00
1888....	Registered Bonds	$20,000 00	20,000 00
1890....	Registered Bonds		82,000 00
1895....	Coupon Bonds		200,000 00
1917....	Registered Bonds		105,000 00
1871....	Coupon Bonds....		182,000 00
1870....	Coupon Bonds....		64,000 00
			$726,800 00
Add 5 per cent. bonds....			20 000,00
Total....			$746,800 00

Statement of the Railroad Bonds compromised and exchanged, and the Coupon and Registered Bonds issued in lieu thereof, on making the compromise:

Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad, first issue....	$240 00
Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad, second issue....	287 00
Pittsburgh and Connellsville....	475 00
Ohio and Pennsylvania....	181 00
Allegheny Valley....	37 00
Sharon Valley....	141 00
Total compromised....	$1,703 00

For which the following have been issued:

Style of Bonds.	4 Per Cent.	5 Per Cent.
Coupon Bond....	$838,000 00	$1,602 000 00
Registered Bond....	7,300 00	25,000 00
Registered Scrip....	87 34	2,480 74
Add 5 per cent bonds....	$845,387 34	$1,727,480 74 405, 387 34
Total....		$2,132,893 08

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MARKETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1868.

To the Market Committee:

GENTLEMEN---In submitting my report, I beg leave to call your attention to the unsatisfactory way of new benches in both houses, and flagging in front of the Diamond Market House. I would earnestly recommend the laying of a flagstone pavement in the Second Market House, and the entire length of the portion of your Committee the dry goods stands in the western House were removed and the stands re-rented for general market purposes, which I have found to be of advantage to the markets, and suggest that some change be made in the stands. In closing my report I desire to return my thanks to the retiring Committee for their co-operation in the many improvements in the markets, and their general assistance in the performance of my official duty. Below you will find my report to the Controller of the amount collected, &c.

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL KILGORE,
Superintendent of Markets.

No. of stand	Name of party renting	Yearly rent	Am't due	Am't paid
1	Andrew Schaller....	$132 00	$132 00	$
2	Andrew Cathaller....	132 00	132 00	
3	Lewis Mettern....	132 00	132 00	
4	Adam Benderer....	132 00	132 00	
5	George Steinhamer....	132 00	132 00	
6	Moses A Pumpian....	132 00	132 00	
7	Peter Fentz....	132 00	132 00	
8	Philip Berger....	132 00	132 00	
9	George Metzger....	132 00	132 00	
10	Henry Zoller....	132 00	132 00	
11	Daniel Shaffer....	121 00	121 00	
12	John Whitmore....	121 00	121 00	
13	Samuel Kennedy....	121 00	121 00	
14	Land C Forst....	121 00	121 00	
15	Frank Hilbling....	121 00	121 00	
16	Adam Hollman....	121 00	121 00	
17	Jacob Oxenhart....	121 00	121 00	
18	Michael Hill....	121 00	121 00	
19	Lawrence Messert....	121 00	121 00	
20	Daniel Hoch....	121 00	121 00	
21	Louis Hoffman....	110 00	110 00	
22	Andrew Cathealter....	110 00	110 00	
23	Wm Hokenbarker....	110 00	110 00	
24	John Horner....	110 00	110 00	
25	John Warner....	102 00	110 00	50 00
26	Wm Hines....	165 00	165 00	
27	Wm Hoffman....	165 00	165 00	
28	Mary Fried....	110 00	110 00	
29	Martin Hoffman....	110 00	110 00	
30	S Hilbert....	110 00	110 00	
31	Isaac Seafer....	110 00	110 00	
32	Henry Heischaefer....	99 00	99 00	
33	Jacob Haas....	99 00	99 00	
34	James Hamilton....	99 00	99 00	
35	Hoffman & Fried....	99 00	99 00	
36	John R Thompson....	220 00	220 00	
37	Thomas Hines....	99 00	99 00	
38	John Hines....	99 00	99 00	
39	Charles Sickles....	99 00	99 00	
40	Andrew Kathhaler....	99 00	99 00	
41	George Smith....	176 00	176 00	
42	Hugh Richardson....	165 00	165 00	
43	Lawrence Scullin....	165 00	165 00	
44	Beltz & Grey....	165 00	165 00	
45	Christ. Hartbaugh....	165 00	165 00	
46	Henry Ackley....	176 00	176 00	
47	Peter Beadle....	176 00	176 00	
48	Andrew Ackley....	165 00	165 00	
49	James Hoag....	165 00	165 00	
50	Jeff Mundel....	165 00	165 00	
52	Theodore Kesmer....	165 00	165 00	
53	David Kesmer....	176 00	176 00	
54	Louis Hoffnagle....	132 00	66 00	66 00
85	J Woolslayer....	36 58	36 58	
86	Wm Hoon....	535 00	110 00	285 00
87	Jos Harrison....	182 00	132 00	50 00
88	Charles Ford....	132 00	132 00	
89	Thomas Kimberline....	154 00	154 00	
90	A Hollis Hauber....	154 00	154 00	
91	Alex Greenawalt....	132 00	132 00	
92	Jacob Craig....	132 00	132 00	
93	Philip Hinn....	132 00	132 00	30 00
94	Charles Richardson....	143 00	143 00	
95	Wm Wilson....	143 00	143 00	
96	Conrad Dietrich....	143 00	143 00	
97	Elizabeth Smeader....	143 00	143 00	317 00
98	Thomas Logan....	121 00	121 00	
99	Peter Teh....	121 00	121 00	
100	Wm Peters....	121 00	121 00	
101	Wm Beader....	154 00	154 00	
102	Emanuel Houck....	154 00	154 00	
103	Jno W Haney....	121 00	121 00	
104	Sneman Brahaus....	110 00	110 00	
105	J P Biebstein....	110 00	110 00	
106	Adam Bowers....	110 00	110 00	
107	Adam Hoffman....	110 00		317 00
	J Hoskins....	19 58	19 58	
	Certain Parties....	418 42	418 42	
109	John Bamnbaugh....	110 00	110 00	
110	Adam Rekert....	110 00	110 00	
111	Charles Kert....	110 00	110 00	
112	J P Eckert....	176 00	176 00	
114	Samuel Young....	176 00	176 00	
115	Henry Loefler....	132 00	132 00	
116	Ernest Bausser....	132 00	132 00	
117	Lutz & Schmidt....	132 00	132 00	
118	John Loeffler....	143 00	143 00	
119	Elias Bweitzer....	154 00	154 00	
120	Theo Blind....	330 00	330 00	
121	John Fox....	220 00	220 00	
122	Louis O'Leary....	110 00	110 00	
123	Leonard Ames....	255 00	255 00	
Weigh Scales	T Donoghue....	100 00	100 00	
	Daily Collections....	1,776 53	1,776 53	
	City Hall....	3,620 00	3 620 00	
Total....		$18,498 79	$17,720 79	$778 00
Revenue from Markets, 1867....			$14,109 79	
Revenue from Markets, 1866....			12,668 79	
Excess in favor of 1867....				$1,432 29
Revenue from City Hall, 1866....			$ 4,306 00	
Revenue from City Hall, 1867....			3,620 00	
Excess in favor of 1866....				$ 686 00
Net increase in 1867....				$ 746,29

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL KILGORE,
Superintendent of Markets.
TO THOMAS STEEL, Esq., City Controller.

Monongahela Wharfmaster's Report for the Fiscal Year Ending January 31st, 1868.

Months.	Tonnage.	Wharfage.	Warrants issued.	Amounts.	Warrants paid.	Amounts.	Uncollected Warrants.	Amounts.
February	8,878	$ 887 80	1	$ 1 00	1	$ 1 00		
March	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
April	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
May	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
June	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
July	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
August	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
September	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
October	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
November	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
December	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
January	10,000	1,000 00	1	1 00	1	1 00		
Total....	118,878	$11,887 80	12	$12 00	12	$12 00		

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Full priced steamers....	$ 1,200 00
Fractional steamers, at 10 cents....	1,720 00
Fractional steamers, at 15 cents....	318 15
Fractional steamers, at 4½ cents....	1,000 00
Keel and canalboats....	235 00
Flats and Railroads....	
Extra wharfage on boats laid up and unloading....	2,770 56
Wharfage on barges....	3,100 00
Wharfage on ferryboats....	24 48
Wharfage on horses and Mail Lines....	2,388 28
Coal, brick and lime-stone flats....	26,756 83
Wharfage on railroad from Mail Lines....	1,024 74
Wharfage on railroad from Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad....	1,703 00
Coal, brick and lime-stone flats....	235 50
Total....	$49,122 02
Uncollected wharfage....	1,176 66
Amount paid City Treasurer....	$48,025 63
Respectfully submitted,	WM. KENNEY,
	Monongahela Wharfmaster.

To Thomas Steel, Esq., City Controller.

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT.

Showing the Amount of Warrants Drawn, the Amount Paid and Outstanding, and Transfers from and to the Appropriations, and the Balance Undrawn and Unexpended on the several Appropriations of the City of Pittsburgh for the year 1867.

Appropriations.	Amount of Appropriation.	Warrants issued.	Amounts.	Warrants paid.	Amounts.	Outstanding Warrants.	Amounts.	Transfers to other Appropriations.	Amounts.	Balance undrawn and unexpended.
1. Interest and Tax	$ 162,654 41									$ 162,654 41
2. Salaries	1,220 00									1,220 00
3. Printing	4,571 65									4,571 65
4. Fire Engine & House	28,026 91									28,026 91
5. Police	3,158 18									3,158 18
6. Waterworks	73,000 00									73,000 00
7. Contingent	20,987 93									20,987 93
8. Gas Lighting	10,825 99									10,825 99
9. Diamond Market	2,500 00									2,500 00
10. Monongah'a Wharf	2,263 78									2,263 78
11. Allegheny Wharf	9,000 00									9,000 00
12. Weigh Scales	1,800 00									1,800 00
13. Contingent Fund	11,040 10									11,040 10
14. Board of Health	2,000 00									2,000 00
15. City Property	26,756 83									26,756 83
16. Interest Fund	24,227 50									24,227 50
17. Sinking Fund	40,500 00									40,500 00
20. Fifth Ward Market	538 72									538 72
21. Liquidated Debt	17,019 98									17,019 98
City tax 1866, 6 Dunlap	91 12									91 12
Appropriation No. 22, Sinking Fund from Fifth Ward Market	1,176 66									1,176 66
Commissioner of Vehicle Licenses	230,500 70									230,500 70
Total....	$739,640 85									$739,640 85

"Appropriation No 22 was created after the passage of the Ordinance.

City of Pittsburgh, ss.

Personally appeared Thomas Steel, Esq., City Controller, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the foregoing statement is correct and true. Before me this February 4th, 1868.

JAMES BLACKMORE, Mayor. } THOMAS STEEL, Controller.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT of warrants issued monthly during the fiscal year ending January 31, 1868.

Months.	Totals.	Fire Engine & House.	Police.	Waterworks.	Contingent.	Gas Lighting.	Diamond Market.	Monongahela Wharf.	Allegheny Wharf.	Weigh Scales.	Contingent Fund.	Board of Health.	City Property.	Interest Fund.	Sinking Fund.	Fifth Ward Market.	Liquidated Debt.	Commissioner of Vehicle Licenses.
February	1																	1
March	1																	1
April	1																	1
May	1																	1
June	1																	1
July